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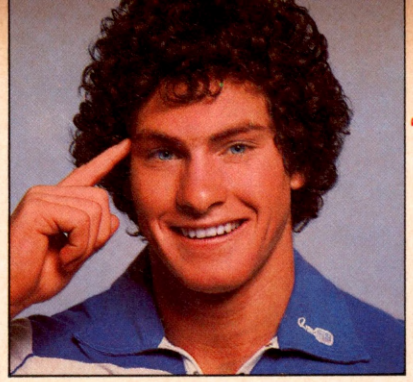

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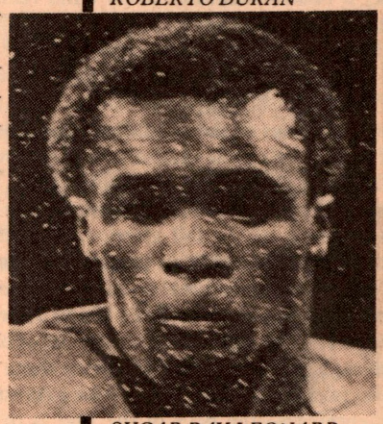

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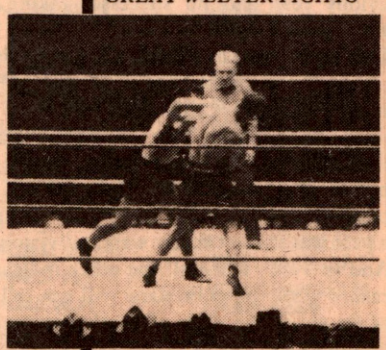

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RINGSIDE

There are certain indicators which serve as scales of measurement—like barometers—which are based on scientific, or quasi-scientific, techniques, like the Richter Scale for measuring seismographic tremors, the Dow-Jones average for measuring the stock market and the Nielsen Ratings for measuring the size of a television audience. The list goes on and on.

Then there are other indicators, just as reliable, if not as scientific. Every child remembers Uncle Wiggley's rheumatism which gauged the coming of a storm more often than not; political buffs can prognosticate the winner of the quadriennial election by the number of syllables in the candidates' last names, the winner being the candidate with the most syllables in all but two cases since 1900; and baseball-hyphen-political followers can call the outcome of the fall election, for almost every time a Republican presidential candidate has won the national election, the American League has won that fall's World Series.

Now you can add boxing to that list of barometers. For it seems that whenever there is a financial downturn—whether it be a recession or depression—the bout of the year is in the lighter divisions.

Sure, heavyweights dominate the scene. Especially in good times. During the Roaring Twenties, the heavyweight division was *the* focal point of boxing, just as it was during the Go-Go Sixties and early Seventies. But the very day the stock market crashed, October 29, 1929—known forever as "Black Tuesday"—there was a middleweight title fight between Mickey Walker and Ace Hudkins. Not only was there no heavyweight title fight in 1929, there was not even a heavyweight champion—Gene Tunney having retired the previous year and no successor taking his place for two more.

During the Panic of 1893, when the trickle of unemployment became a Niagara, there was no heavyweight title fight, just the Mysterious Billy Smith-Tom Williams welterweight title bout and the George Dixon-Solly Smith featherweight title tiff. In subsequent recessions—1906, 1922, 1958—the fight of the year was in the smaller weight divisions.

And in 1980, when all the other indicators measure what the politicians will not tell us, that we are in the grips of another recession, the fight of the year is in the welterweight division: the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran fight. Psychologists would probably explain it in terms of the "little man" identifying with his own. Whatever the reason, not only do we at *Ring* identify boxing's infallible indicator, we acknowledge it and dedicate this issue to boxing's "little men."

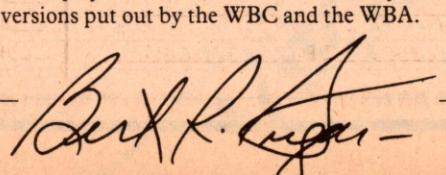
For all of you who turn to the sports pages of your favorite newspaper every morning in search of boxing news and search and search and search for any tiny little crumb the editor of the paper wishes to throw you, let it be known that sometimes boxing news leaks into other sections of the paper.

Take for instance the recent court case between former Madison Square Garden boxing head Teddy Brenner and the WBC and its president Jose Sulaiman. Most likely, news of the suit was secreted somewhere under shipping news. But make no mistake about it: although it takes place in a different arena, this lawsuit is as important to the future of the sport as anything that occurs within the boxing arena. For not only does the suit contend that the WBC is guilty of "unlawfully restraining trade and commerce in the promotion, exhibition and telecasting of professional boxing contests in the United States . . .", it also alleges that the ratings of the organization have been manipulated.

Despite the fact that Sulaiman has repeatedly uttered his deathless phrase, "I challenge any person of the world to prove or tell me that he has given me a cup of coffee in exchange for something in boxing," there is more than enough proof to indicate that the ratings of some fighters are won by more than their efforts in the ring—specifically, the Number One ranking in the heavyweight division recently given to Bernardo Mercado by the WBC.

Granted, in the past Ring's ratings have run into some troubles, even to the point of being discredited. But this, we believe, is a thing of the past; for, as the South African *Boxing World* states, "The decision to establish *The Ring*'s International Boxing Panel is a master stroke, and the magazine's ratings should soon regain much of the credibility lost in recent years."

We believe that time has come. So much so that the CBS vice president for business affairs recently said that, for ratings, his network would "first turn to *Ring* Magazine." We hope you will too, and not to the fairy-tale versions put out by the WBC and the WBA.



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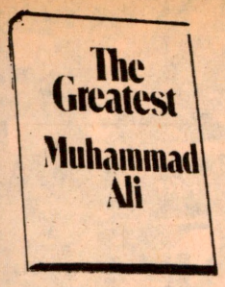

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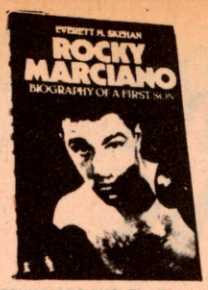

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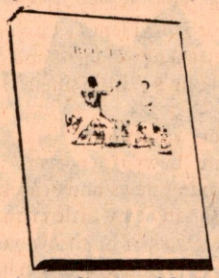

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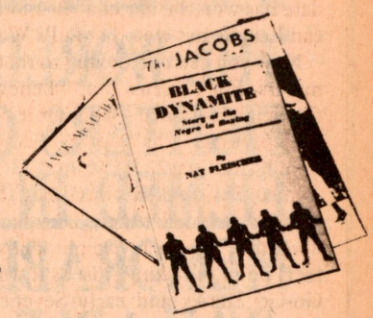

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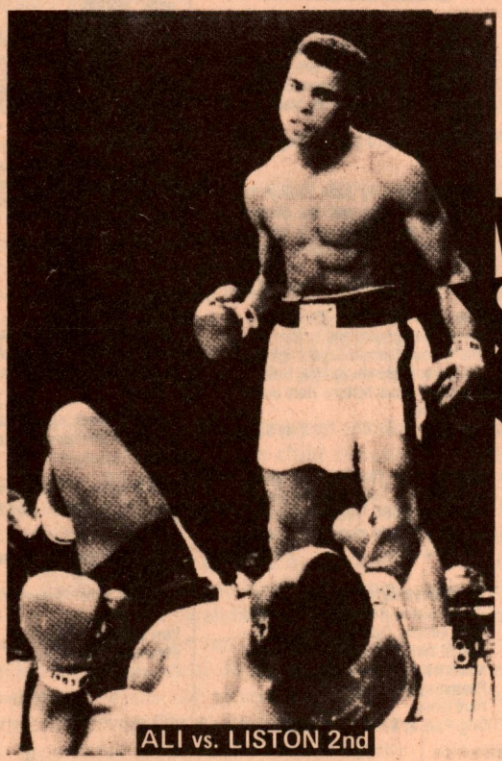

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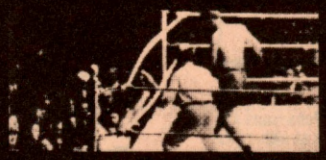
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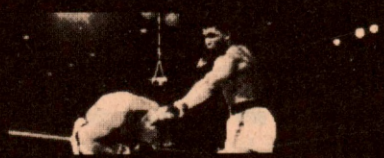
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No reports have been received yet as to how many fights the tickets were good for; but maybe they turned out better for the Hillbillies—and Knoxville—than the main event.

"COURTESY OF" ABC IS NO COURTESY

ONE OF THE ACCEPTED "GIMMES" in recent media history is the supposed undeclared war between the printed and electronic word—television versus newspapers and magazines. It has hardly been one-sided: Sometimes it has been fueled by writers who are jealous of the larger-than-life amounts paid to sports announcers or the fact that TV's mega-bucks control the event; and just as often it has been fueled by announcers who feel inferior in talent to those who have even a passing familiarity with the Queen's English. But whatever the cause, the war has gone on in a sub rosa manner, undeclared and unseen.

Now yet another element has been added.

How many times have you seen those film clips on one network—or channel—provided "Courtesy of XYZ Network"? Those are an accommodation—one network or station to another. No money has changed hands, merely a verbal handshake cementing the relationship between sister stations.

But when *Ring* Magazine wanted to *purchase* the film strip of the Weaver-Tate knockout from ABC so its readers could visually see the destructive force of Mike Weaver's knockout blow, they were told, in no uncertain terms "No!—No reasons, no rationale, just "No".

So much for the rumor. The "War of the Words" appears to be alive and well, with more than minor assistance from ABC.

WHERE ARE THESE FEATS OF CLAY?

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, DOING AN imaginative retrospective on Cassius Clay's early opponents, is still searching for the whereabouts of such as Charlie Powell, Willie Besmanoff, Alohzo Johnson, Don Warner and Billy Daniels. Anyone know where these stepping stones to boxing history are now?

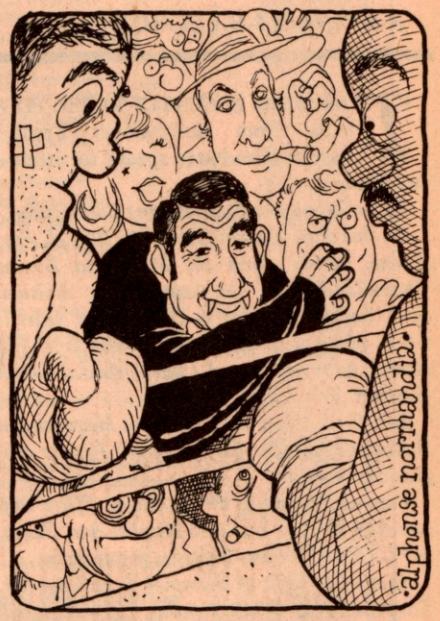
THERE'S A SMALL BROTHEL . . . WITH A WISHING WELL

AFTER EARNIE SHAVERS' LOSS TO Bernardo Mercado last March, Mercado's manager, stud ranch owner Joe Conforte—who had once barred Iranian students from his legalized Nevada bordello in retaliation for the American hostages—tried to legitimatize his tired battler's credentials by saying, "The punchers—Muhammad Ali, Tate, Holmes—they all belong in a comic strip."

So, too, does Mercado, who, off his unimpressive win, hopes—to the point of wistful wishing—for a fight within a year for the championship under the aegis of Don King. And a place in the very first row of the second-raters.

A CUT BELOW THE REST

HOWARD COSELLS'S CONTINUAL preoccupation with blood was never more in evidence than during a recent ABC telecast of the Gomez-Ndukwu and Arguello-Navarette bouts, interspersed—in the name of "filler"—with the two Arguello-Escalera fights. Cosell's constant referral to "bloodbath(s)", "blood-letting", "the flow of blood" and "cuts too horrible to envision" made him sound like the advanceman for Bela



Lugosi.

Rather than waste the next small cut you suffer, why not just call Cosell directly at (212) 887-6273 and have him describe it?

He'll probably do it justice calling it "a small cut running from the right eyebrow to the left knee."

A CITATION FOR (BENEATH) CONTEMPT FOR THE WBC

AT A RECENT WBC CONFAB THE usually unpredictable WBC became even more unpredictable—if that is possible! After having staged a "final eliminator" to determine the worthiest opponent for Maurice Hope's WBC Junior Middleweight crown and winding up with Carlos Herrera as the "logical" contender, they flip-flopped and made Rocky Mattioli the Number One contender.

After all, Mattioli had earned his shot by knocking out Jessie Carter—an also-ran who usually does—on March 21st in Italy, just nine days after Carter had been knocked out in White Plains by Norberto Sabater and was under official suspension by the New York State Athletic Commission. And what does he get for his troubles? A title shot, that's what.

What the WBC should get is unprintable. After all, this organization dedicated to, in Jose Sulaiman's words, "integrity and justice", has just sanctioned a win over a suspended fighter—similar in its redolent

odor to the circumstances surrounding the fight of the late Willie Classen just before his tragic loss to Wilford Scypion.

A MINNE-HA-HA IN MINNESOTA?

THE RING RECENTLY RECEIVED A letter from heavyweight Freddie Askew. The letter speaks for itself—and Freddie:

To the Minnesota State Boxing Commission,

On this date, Tuesday April 29, 1980, I, Fred Askew, hereby claim the Minnesota Boxing Championship in the heavyweight division. Scott LeDoux's record in the last few years is 4-8-1. Mine is 12-1. Duane Bobick and Jim Beattie have retired and I have defeated Chuck Gardner. Who's left?

Just Fred Askew the Minnesota Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Let me be the first to congratulate myself.

I am now accepting all challenges. Please contact Ray Whebbe Jr., 3345 Nicollet Ave. South, MPLS 55408 for any inquiries requiring me.

As my first fight as champion I challenge Mr. Scott LeDoux. While fighting LeDoux I will donate my purse to the American Cancer Society and the Sickle Cell American Fund.

Fearlessly Yours,
Freddie Askew

FIGHTS FIND FRESNO

SINCE THE LATE SIXTIES, WHEN Mac Foster was knocking out a long string of opponents enroute to a number one ranking in the July and August 1970 issues of *Ring*, professional boxing has been almost nonexistent in Fresno. With the exception of a few scattered cards throughout the years, fight fans in the area had to make do with closed-circuit shows and occassional amateur bouts.

Now that drought appears to be over. With the formation of Babe Griffin Enterprises, John Squaglia, a Fresnan, and Babe Griffin intend to return fights to the Fresno area. Their inaugural bout was the California light heavyweight title match between Yaqui Lopez and Pete McIntyre, Lopez winning on points in ten rounds. The promoters plan to sponsor one or two fights per month.

THE CHOSEN CORNER

EDDIE GREGORY, AT HIS postfight victory party after winning the light heavyweight title, revealed to all, "I am a Muslim. In a few weeks I'll be announcing my Muslim name, as well as my future plans. My new name is 'El Mustafa Muhammad'. It means, 'The chosen and beloved'." Gregory-Muhammad then thanked Allah for being in his corner and seeing him to victory.

Which brings up an interesting question: What happens if Mustafa Muhammad and Saad Muhammad battle for the undisputed light heavyweight title? Whose corner will Allah be in then?

ONE SUGAR RAY COMING UP . . . MEDIUM BORING

CHARLEY O'S, A RESTAURANT IN the near vicinity of Madison Square Garden, now sports a "Sugar Ray Diet Platter" under their snadwiches-and-stuff headed "Backstop Platters". The

"Sugar Ray" platter consists of roast beef, two shrimp, a tomato stuffed with cottage cheese and a selection of raw vegetables. A waitress, when questioned as to how good the platter was, commented, "It's real boring."

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

WHO LOST THE MOST HEAVY—weight championship bouts?

Last month's trivia question: What heavyweight champion had a brother who won 20 games in one season in the Major Leagues?

Answer: Jim Corbett's brother Joe, pitching for the Baltimore Orioles in 1897, had a 24-8 record.

BIRTHS

KANDY LARIE HOLMES, MARCH 5, 1980, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holmes. Kandy weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. — Good luck Larry.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

CARL F. YETTER, 80, OF LUNG cancer in Buffalo, N.Y. on March 14. A writer for *Ring* and Ring's Wrestling Magazine during the '50s, Yetter was also a photographer for both magazines.

HERBIE SPENCER, ex-lightweight from Croydon, England. Spencer boxed such top men as Billy Bird and Johnny Clarke.

ELOY (BUCK) CANEL, 74, in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. Canel was the Latin-American "voice" of baseball and boxing on radio for more than four decades. As a journalist, he covered stories for the Associated Press and later Agence France Presse. He was also director of NBC's international section, becoming popular as the Spanish broadcaster of "Gillette's Cavalcade of Sports."

PUNCHLINES

WHEN RING ANNOUNCER FRANK Shane indulged in a little spoonerism in introducing a fighter at the Westchester County Center as a real "Cloud Preezer," Tommy Whelan, reporter for the White Plains *Reporter-Dispatch* said, "What's that? A Japanese flyweight?"

Jack Sharkey, upon being notified of his election into the Boxing Hall of Fame: "I guess I outlived all my critics."

Kim Hubbard: "The hardest thing about being a boxer is learning to pick your teeth up with your gloves on."

Paul Ruiz, manager of former champion Alfredo Escalera on why Escalera retired: "After the Rimini fight against Arguello they completely dropped Escalara out of the ratings—from sixth all the way out; not even in the top 25. What's the use of fighting Sulaiman *and* your opponent?"

E.J. GARY

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—CLIFF STANICH

A *Your best bet is to purchase a copy of "How To Judge And How To Referee A Fight", price $1.00, from* The Ring Book Shop.

Q I am interested in some information on former heavyweight contender Natie Brown, including his current whereabouts.

—LAWRENCE N. SHAPLIN

A *Natie was a ranking heavyweight contender who started his career in 1928, and finally retired from boxing in 1949. Born in Philadelphia on April 21, 1910, he became known as a "trial horse" — the man to get past — for young fighters on the way up. Joe Louis tried Natie on for size twice: in 1935 it took Louis 10 rounds to gain a decision; in their second outing, in 1937, Joe iced Natie in 4 rounds. Natie's complete record can be found in the 1980* Ring Record Book. *When last heard from, Brown was based in Macon, Georgia. Who knows where Natie is now? Can you help?*

Q Does Muhammad Ali hold the record for the most championship bouts engaged in by any fighter?

—LEONARD SIGNORILE

A *Close, but no cigar! Ali engaged in 24 title bouts, but Joe Louis holds the all-time record of having fought in 27 championship bouts.*

Q What were the results when George Foreman and George Chuvalo fought? Where are they and what are they doing now?

—JOE ROMANO

A *They met on August 4, 1970, in New York, with Foreman knocking out Chuvalo in 3 rounds. Chuvalo is currently attempting a ring comeback in Canada while George Foreman has definitely retired from boxing and has become a preacher operating out of Marshall, Texas.*

SWERS

Q Has there ever been a double knockout in boxing? I say "yes" and a friend of mine says "no." Who is correct?

—JIM DICKERSON

A *You are correct. There have been many cases of double knockouts in boxing. One of the first took place in 1896. On April 19 of that year, in Chicago, Ed Hagne and George Skulky were in a fight for a purse of $1500, a good piece of change for those days, and in the sixteenth round they each landed a left to the other's jaw. Down they went. Both were counted out by the referee.*

Q Maxie Rosenbloom and Jimmy Slattery fought in a bout advertised for the light heavyweight title in Hartford in the 1920s. Who won? What was the year? Etc?

—JOSEPH L. QUINN

A *The bout you ask about was one of seven bouts fought between Rosenbloom and Slattery between 1925 and 1931. Rosenbloom won three of the series, Slattery four. The Hartford fight occurred on August 30, 1927, with Rosenbloom losing a 10-round decision for the NBA title. One of the three fights won by Maxie was their last meeting, for the title, on August 5, 1931, in Brooklyn, a fifteen-round decision.*

Q Can you give me some idea as to how much money Ali has grossed in his career?

—ALEXANDER SCHIFF

A *Only Uncle Sam could give you the exact figure, but using a sharp pencil and some cagy scratchwork, the figure looms well over the forty million mark.*

Q Could you please give me some dope on where the word "Pugilism" came from?

—SINGH KIM

A *The origin of the word comes from the Latin of "Pugil" and means fighting with clenched fists. But boxing is presumed to have begun around 900 B.C., in Greece, and introduced by Theseus, son of Argus, King of Athens. Boxing was first mentioned in Homer's classic,* The Iliad.

Q Recently I was reading that, when Jack Dempsey fought George Carpentier, the Frenchman weighed 164 pounds while Jack weighed in at 185. I can't believe that such a discrepancy is factual. True or false?

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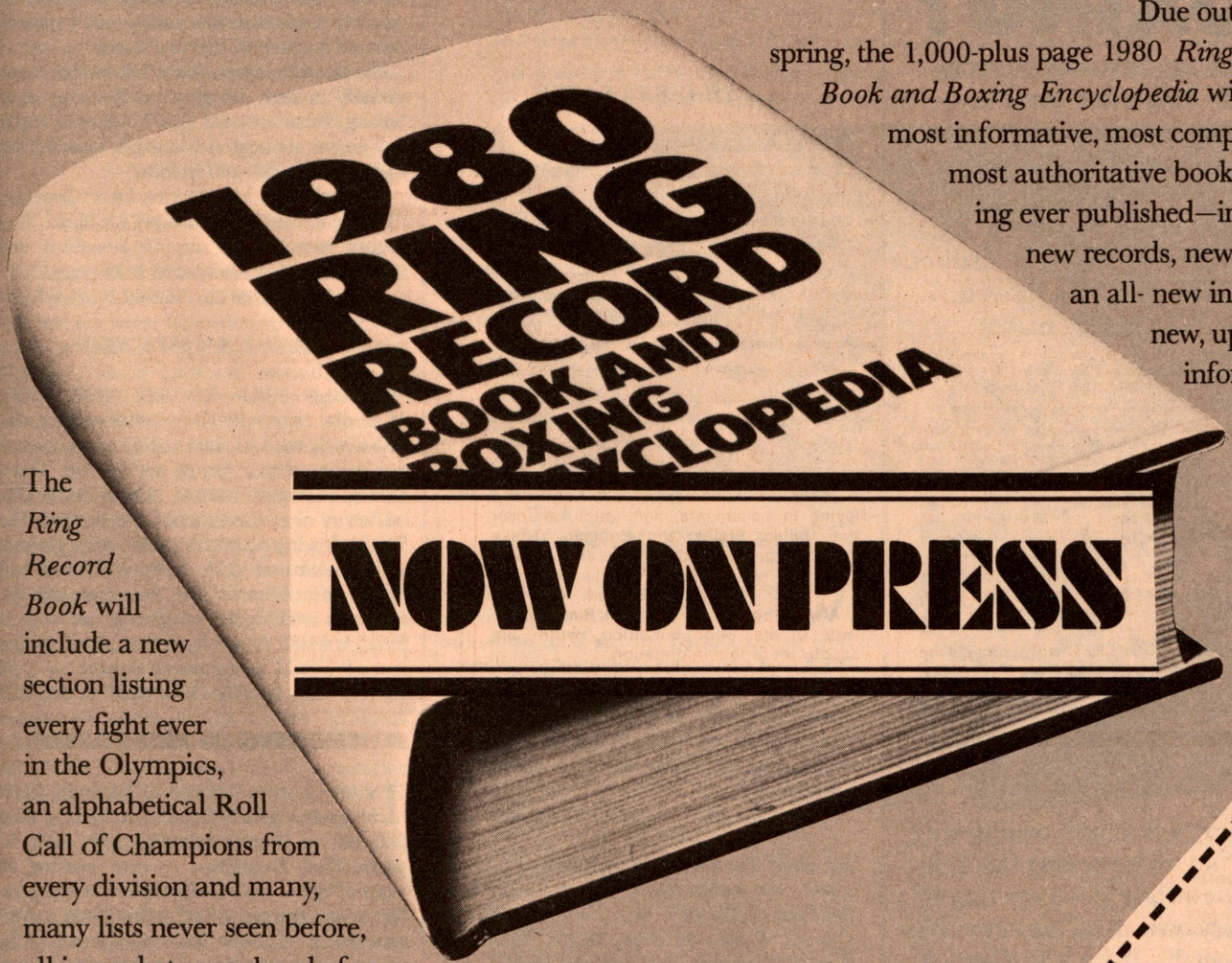

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A SHAVERS SAVER

DEAR EARNIE SHAVERS,
After viewing your KO loss to Bernardo Mercado, I have come to the conclusion that your great career has finally ended. Sure, you looked good in the first three rounds. But then you ran out of gas. You are no longer the fighter who once gave the greatest boxer in history (Muhammad Ali) and Ken Norton the beatings of their lives. You can't take a solid punch, you tire by round four and your left eye is gone.

Please retire, before someone hurts you. I and all of boxing would dread to see that.

JONATHAN MENDOZA, FREEPORT, NEW YORK

A HEAVY QUESTION

WHEN MUHAMMAD ALI WAS STRIPPED of his title by the WBA in 1967 for refusal to be inducted into the U.S. Army, the WBA held a tournament involving eight men. I know Joe Frazier stayed out of the tournament, but that's only from stories I've read. I was only four at the time and do not recall much about the tournament. Can you tell me who participated?

ERIC OLFIELD, CHICAGO, ILL.

Ed. Note: The tournament involved eight of the world's best heavyweights, though not the best, Joe Frazier. The eight were Jimmy Ellis, Jerry Quarry, Floyd Patterson, Oscar Bonavena, Karl Mildenberger, Thad Spencer, Ernie Terrell and Leotis Martin. Ellis went on to win the tournament with a 15-round split-decision against Quarry. Ellis lost the title to none other than Joe Frazier in February 1970.

AN OPEN APOLOGY

REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR MAY 80 issue, page 53, 2nd column, paragraph 8 under the coverage of *The Hawaiian Islands*. I commented on local Hawaiian heavyweight, Dana "Gunner" Goodson, stating, "he should definitely quit the ring and pursue other endeavors."

I assume full responsibility for this comment made in the heat of the moment after watching him perform in a bout in which he himself was ashamed of. Since then I have consciously considered the seriousness of my irresponsible statement and the probable detrimental impact it could have on this young heavyweight's career. I now fully realize that I had absolutely no right to possibly jeopardize this young man's right to earn a livelihood he had so chosen.

For one who should have known better, especially in such a highly emotional sport as boxing, I can only say that I sincerely regret any embarrassment and anguish I caused this fighter, his family and friends.

In conclusion, I say to you, Dana Goodson, "I made a mistake and deeply apologize for a flighty moment of unprofessionalism and wish you total future success in the ring."

JOEL LIPSITT, HONOLULU, HAWAII

JOSE, CAN YOU SEE?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEWS media, especially the television networks, stop giving the two rival boxing organizations recognition which they do not deserve. That a boxing champion has the title of one organization or the other should not matter. The World Boxing Council could strip Holmes and Leonard of their titles tomorrow and award both belts to Jose Sulaiman and the networks would be presenting us with a Sulaiman-Bob Arum fight next week, billing it as a "WBC Championship fight".

BEN SHARAV, NEW YORK, N.Y.

THE RING OF FRIENDSHIP

IN 1925 I ANSWERED A LETTER IN *RING* Magazine from a London fan asking for a pen pal to discuss boxing. Now, after 55 years, Sam Langleben — now nearing 80 years of age — and myself are still sending letters across the sea to each other. Sam got letters, packs of New York newspapers, *Ring* magazines and books on boxers which I had purchased from the *The Ring*'s great collection and I received packs of London papers and letters galore. It has been a warm friendship, thanks to your wonderful magazine.

FRANK CURTIS, HOLIDAY, FLA.

THE PROS AND CONS OF JIMMY CLARK

IN RESPONSE TO THE ANNOUNCEment of heavyweight Jimmy Clark turning pro, I say great! It's about time the heavyweight division had some class. I suggest to Mr. Holmes that he start skipping rope right now — although I doubt that it will help much. I believe that Jimmy Clark will become heavyweight champion and put Larry Holmes out of business.

MIKE GOTCHER, RENO, NEVADA

I THINK JIMMY CLARK IS AN EXCELlent boxer and has all the possibilities of becoming a great champ in the future. But I notice that the referees seem to interfere with Jimmy, warning him every time he gets set up to throw a punch. Why? Why won't the referees let him box without breaking his concentration? It happened with Teofelea Stevenson and also in a bout he had with a Scandinavian fighter.

ANN HUNTER, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

THE "REEL" TOP 10

I READ REX REED'S STORY ON BOXING movies in your March issue listing the ten best and ten worst fight films. One movie that was not mentioned was "Madison Square Garden", which came out around 1930. It starred the late Jack Oakie as the fighter and the late Guy Kibbe as the manager.

HENRY J. SWEENEY, DRACUT, MASS.

IS REX REED KIDDING? HE RANKS "Body And Soul", the all-time fight film classic, in the lowly no. 4 position among The Ten Best boxing films. Then he fails to mention Cagney's excellent "City For Conquest" in the Top 10. And to list "The Champ" among The Ten Worst! Have a heart, Rex, we all cried during that one.

While he rates "Fat City" at the top, he completely overlooks the superb acting of Curtis Cokes. (Or was it acting?) Rocky II? Be serious! And somebody forgot to mention "The Battling Bellhop" with Edward G. Robinson on that long list of fight films.

J. RUSSELL PELTZ, PROMOTER
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

I RECENTLY TESTED THE IDEA OF SEWing the thumb in on a competition boxing glove and it worked quite well in spite of my less-than-perfect stitching job. I hope someday all fight gloves will be made with the thumb sewn in to eliminate the serious eye injuries caused by thumbing. The sewing in of the thumb in no way prevents a good fist from being made and could save fighters' careers.

RALPH PAULSON, KEENE, N.H.

THE SHOT HEARD THROUGH THE DECADE

ON PAGE 34 OF YOUR MARCH ISSUE, you show Frazier dropping Ali in what you call "The Fight Of The Decade." I don't think anyone will disagree about "The Fight", but where were you when George Foreman lifted Joe Frazier off his feet with "The Punch Of The Decade"?

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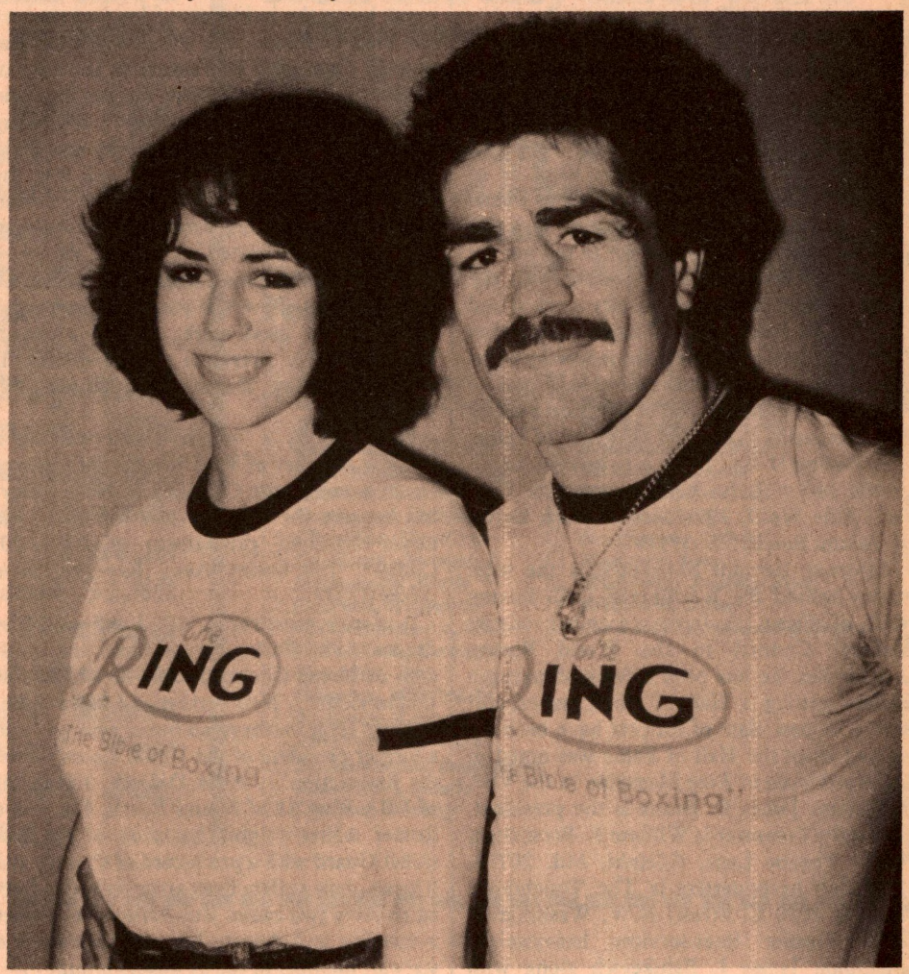

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

THE HONORABLE MURRAY MYERSON, Mayor of Miami Beach, recently voted for free space to be given to VBA Ring 31 of South Florida for their Boxing Hall of Fame. Fred Gallo, president of Ring 31, was jubilant when he contacted me to tell me the news. "We had a kickoff meeting with the Mayor and members of the city council and we will get space at the Miami Convention Center." Here we'll select those worthy of induction by a celebrated nationwide poll of sportswriters, the method of selection used by *Ring* Magazine in electing *their* Hall of Fame. The Boxing Hall of Fame is to be open to the public and will also house a museum. Contact: Allie Wolff, 1075 Miami Beach Drive, N. Miami Beach, Fla. 33179. . .

Attorney Bernard Shankman is the legal brains behind the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame. A former member of the General Council to the World Boxing Association, he has been a force of strength behind getting a Hall of Fame tax exempt status. A new slate of officers have been inducted since the Hall of Fame was noted in the April issue of *Ring* Magazine in the VBA Directory. James E. Evans is the president, Secretary-Treasurer is William B. Bresnahan, 10111 Phoebe Lane, Adelphi, Md. 20783. The club headquarters is The Touchdown Club at 2000 L. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. Former inter-services heavyweight champion James J. Balukevich along with former heavyweight contender Marty Gallagher created what must be one of the most successful ex-boxer organizations in the country. . .

Zack Clayton, former boxer, trainer and referee—(in fact the first black referee of a world heavyweight title fight)—did a superb job as chairman of the Philadelphia State Athletic Commission. He has now given the position up. Ray M. Todd, also a former boxer, is Deputy Commissioner of the same commission. Todd, along with his famous boxing brothers, put Charleroi, Pa. on the map. Recently hospitalized in the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, he is now undergoing voice therapy after surgery on his throat for cancer. A former *Ring* correspondent, we at the magazine certainly wish Ray a speedy recovery. Drop a get well card to him at: 302 Shady Avenue, Charleroi, Pa. . . .

The Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame recently held its annual Dinner, the main event being the induction of Joe Guinan into the Hall of Fame. The event was staged at palatial Palumbo's Restaurant in the City of Brotherly Love. Joe Guinan worked long and tedious hours after creating VBA Ring Number 1 in Philadelphia. Joe also held many positions as an official and was the organizer of the National VBA and traveled extensively, granting charters and helping new Rings get started. A former detective with the Philadelphia Police Department, he is now 82 and allows the younger members to carry on the good work. Contact through National VBA president Bernie Manhoff, 1110 McKinley Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19111. . .

Mike Tocci, a former featherweight, a staunch member of VBA Ring 20 of Bergen, Hudson and Essex Counties in New Jersey, has become the manager and trainer in the newly acquired gymnasium of Ring 20. Contact: 130 Seeley Ave., Kearney, New Jersey 07032. . .

It is with great regret that I announce the deaths of Phil Berlin, former boxer and president of Union County Boxers Association of Union County, New Jersey, and Mike Stein, another great journeyman boxer who was also a former president of the Union County Boxers Association. . . Artie DeLuca, a member of VBA Ring 31 of Miami Beach, Fla. and a former welter-weight champion of the National Guard with a pro record of 65 wins and 6 losses, now suffers from arthritis and is forced to carry two canes. But Artie never misses a meeting and despite his handicap he is a stalwart member of the ex-boxers group. . .

This column recently received a newsy letter from Charlie Cuthbert of 1/11 Burwood Road, Concord 2137, New South Wales, Australia. He writes: "It gives me great pleasure to write to you, as everybody out here 'down under' enjoys the *Ring* Magazine and also the Veteran Boxer's Beat." Charlie formerly lived in Dundee, Scotland, and was a boxer in the British Army. Later he joined a boxing booth and traveled all over Scotland. He was also in a boxing tourney on board the RMS Queen Elisabeth and also boxed a few years ago at Pier 90 in New York City. He sends best wishes to a great former American boxer named Tony Pellone, whom he met on the RMS Queen Elizabeth.

Rose Lewis, the executive secretary of the New York State Athletic Commission, has served effectively for eight Chairmen of the Commission. She started with John J. Phelan in February, 1933 until January 1945. Then along came Colonel Eddie Eagan from January 1945 to September 1951; Robert K. Christenberry from Sept. 1951 to Dec. 1954; Julius Helfand from Jan. 1955 to Dec. 1958; General Melvin L. Krulewitch from Jan. 1959 to June 1966; Edwin B. Dooley from July 1966 to April 1975; and James A. Farley Jr. from August 1975 to June 1977. Floyd Patterson was the acting Chairman for a short time until the appointment of current chairman John M. Prenderville, who was appointed on February 23, 1978. Rose is certainly deserving of a tribute from the boxing world. It is doubtful that any woman in the world has served boxing in an executive position longer than Rose Lewis. Her husband, Harry, is a doctor with three degrees and also a member of the Athletic Commission. . . **HARRY WARREN**

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Sugar Ray Leonard

A short bio of the champion

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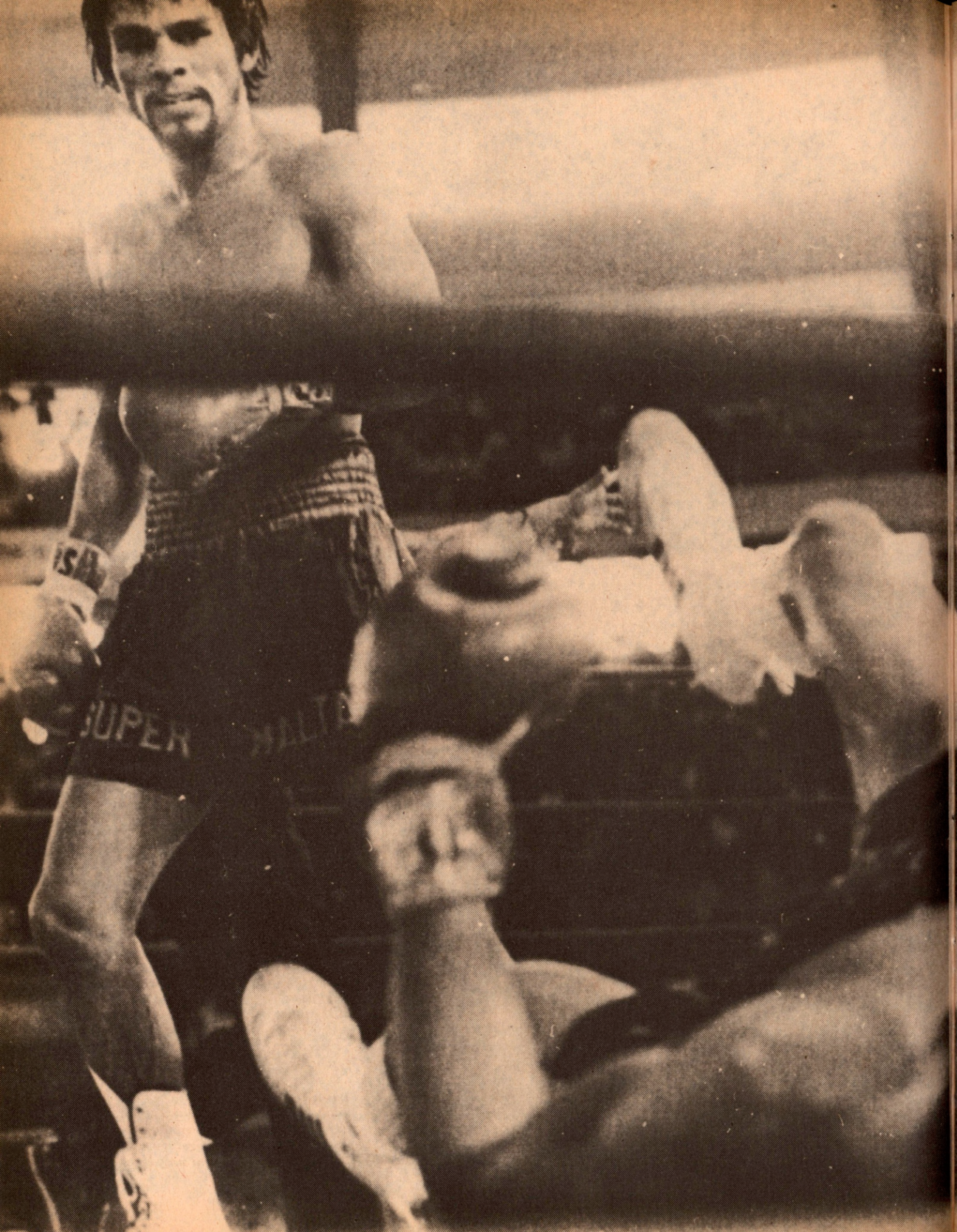

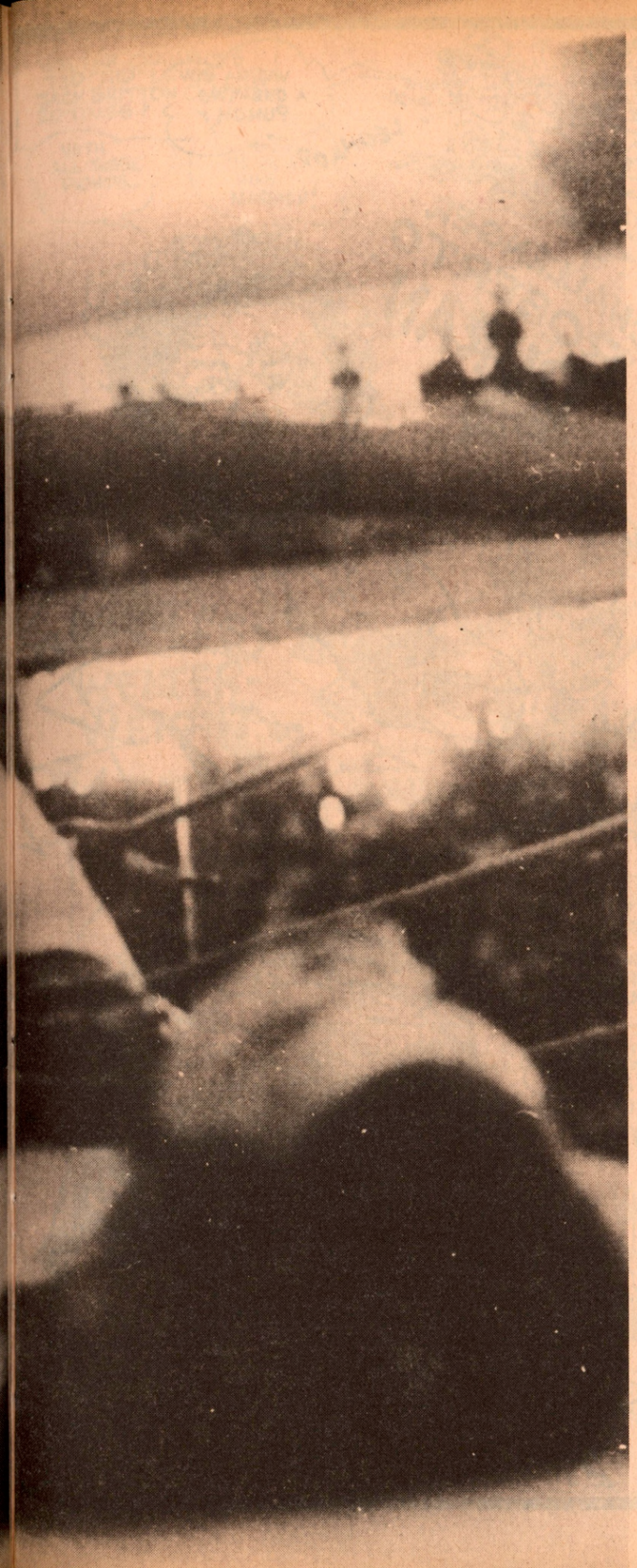

Roberto Duran

A short bio of the challenger

Born in Guarare, Panama, on the outskirts of Panama City, June 16, 1951 . . . Had his first fights while a shoe-shine boy protecting "his corner" in Panama City . . . Still maintains his toughest fight was not in the ring, but in the streets of Panama, a brawl that lasted some 90 minutes . . . Turned pro at 15 with a four-round decision against Carlos Mendoza in a featherweight bout . . . Between May, 1970 and October, 1971, tied the lightweight division record of former champion Ismael Laguna with knockout victories in 10 consecutive fights . . . Was undefeated in 27 bouts (23 by knockout) the evening of June 26, 1972, when he stopped Ken Buchanan in the 13th round at Madison Square Garden to win the lightweight championship . . . Suffered his first, and only defeat on November 17, 1972. Dropped by a left hook in the first round, he lost a non-title, 10-round decision to Esteban DeJesus in Madison Square Garden . . . Gave DeJesus a shot at the title 16 months later . . . Kayoed DeJesus in round 11 in the blazing heat and humidity of Panama City . . . His best year was in 1974, when he won eight fights, seven by knockout . . . Has an overall record of 70-1, including 55 knockouts . . . His knockout percentage is an incredible .775 . . . Duran's 18 first-round knockouts match Sugar Ray's entire knockout total, and has more first-round stoppages than the combined group of Pipino Cuevas, Thomas Hearns, Wilfred Benitez and Sugar Ray Leonard . . . Twenty-seven of Duran's opponents have fallen within the first three rounds . . . His fights last an average of 5.9 rounds . . . Possesses more "killer instinct" than any fighter alive . . . His 12 title defenses are a record for the division, as are his 10 consecutive title defense knockouts . . . As a lightweight, Duran owned one-punch knockout power, but it was usually an accumulation of punches and pressure that wore his opponents down . . . Since destroying DeJesus in their January, 1978 rubber match and moving out of the lightweight division, Duran is 8-0 (four knockouts) . . . He is managed by Carlos Eleta, one of Panama's wealthiest businessmen . . . Trained by Freddie Brown, Ray Arcel and Panama Lewis . . . Nicknamed "Manos de Piedra," or "Fists of Stone" . . . Has not been seriously cut since his pre-title days . . . Clever boxers, such as Saoul Mamby, Vilomar Fernandez and Edwin Viruet have given him the most trouble . . . Duran's place among the great lightweights is established . . . Greatness as a welterweight may be one victory away.

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DURAN

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SUGAR RAY

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SUGAR RAY LEONARD Ray staggered Muniz with two lefts just 30 seconds into the fight. After taking a bit more time to size him up, Leonard began to open up with both hands. A right hand, following a blurring combination, dropped Muniz, who was counted out at 2:45 of round one.

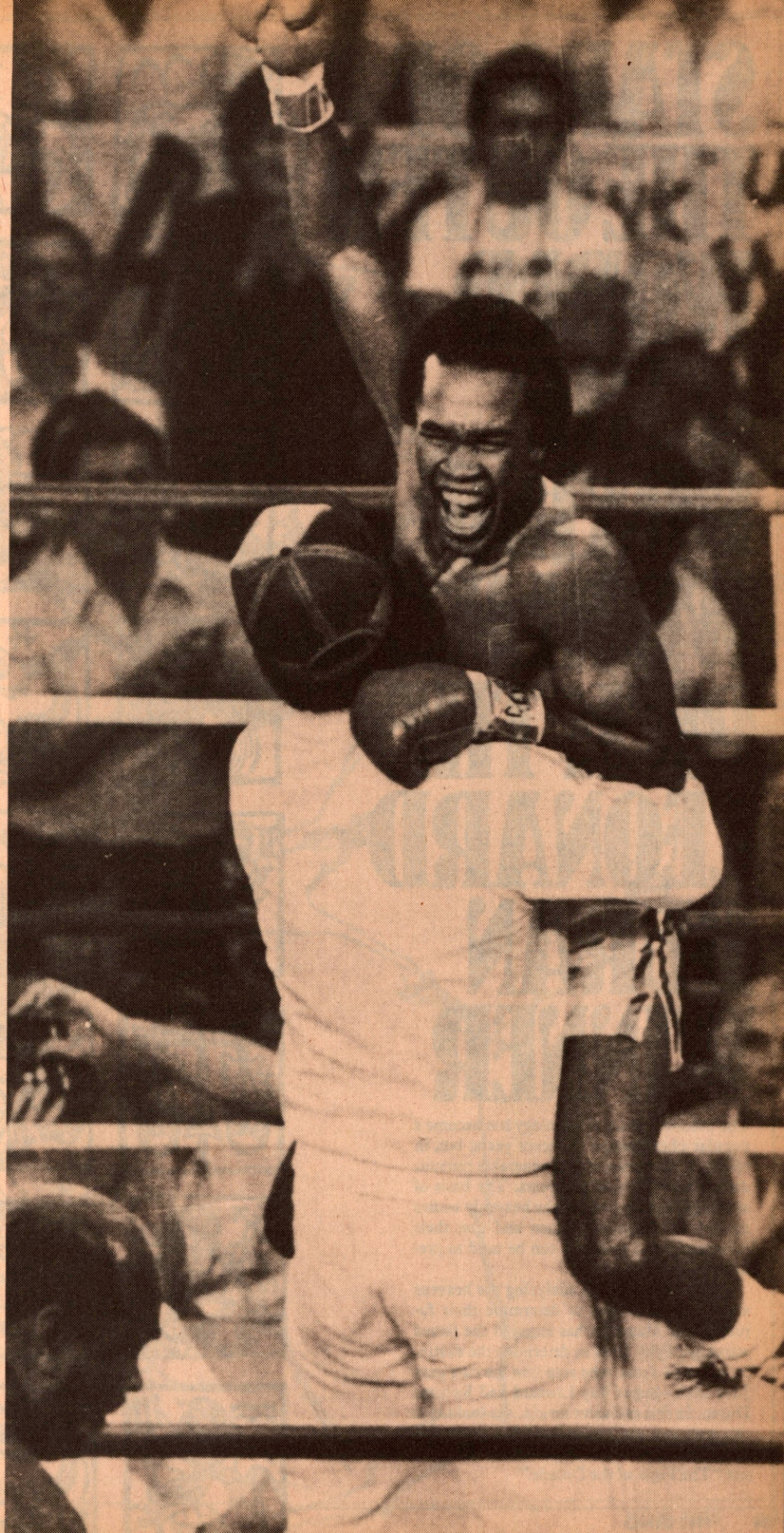
In his first pro fight against a southpaw, Leonard won nearly all 10 rounds against the tough veteran, dropping him in the fourth round, the first time Viruet had ever been down.

OMMON PONENTS

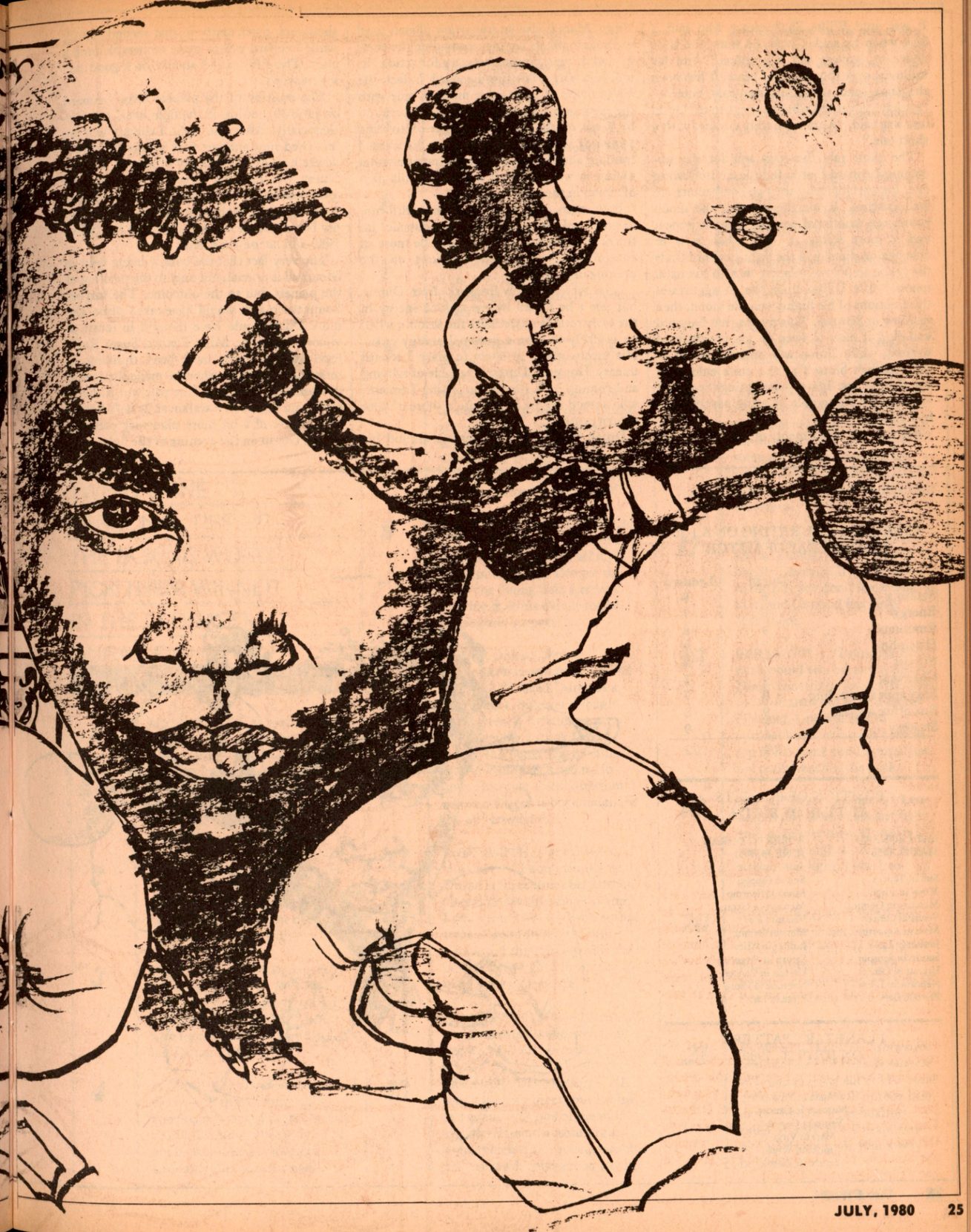
ROBERTO DURAN

JAVIER MUNIZ After being dropped in the opening round by a hard left hook, Muniz climbed off the canvas and survived—though doing little else—until the final bell.

ADOLFO VIRUET Putting on the pressure he is famous for and exhibiting the boxing skills he so rarely displays, Duran captured a unanimous 10-round decision despite being in less than prime condition.



STARS OF THE OUTER WORLD & THE BOXING WORLD PICK THE LEONARD-DURAN WINNER



The pseudo-science of astrology has become a popular phenomenon in recent years; but, in reality, it is an ancient and venerable pursuit, dating back thousands of years. The basis of astrology is the belief that the heavenly bodies control the destinies of men and that their movements and positions can be used to predict the future.

Today, with millions analyzing the heavens and their horoscopes to determine their futures, *Ring* Magazine has engaged the famed astrologer Sybil Leek to determine the destinies of the two men who step into the ring next June 20th—Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran. In this exclusive article, she looks into the stars and the heavenly bodies to predict the outcome of "The Fight of the Year," if not "The Fight of the Decade."

It was auld Willie Shakespeare who said it best when he said, "It is the stars, the stars above us, govern our conditions." And for millions, over thousands of years, it has been the stars—and the other heavenly bodies—that have governed what happens to us. Or, as one wag said, "A star is merely a comet with a short tale."

The short tale the stars tell for the upcoming Leonard-Duran fight is an interesting one, for astrologically the two combatants are well-matched. Remembering that the moon shows the emotional content of each person and is more stable in Virgo than it is in Scorpio, on the day of the fight Leonard finds the moon in Virgo, relating well to his natal moon, while Duran finds that it aggravates the emotions of his highly volatile moon, then residing in Scorpio. This means that Leonard will find it easy to keep to his pre-planned strategy, while Duran will find that while he can establish himself as the more emotional and flamboyant fighter—delighting the crowd—he will be vulnerable to being psyched out by Leonard.

Besides the placement of the moon in Virgo, Mars is also an important planet, inasmuch as it affects boxing—providing the energy and driving power necessary for action. It, too, is in Virgo, favoring Leonard. In fact, the Virgo moon of Leonard is more in tune with the position of Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, all in Virgo on the day of the fight—activating Leonard, who is able to use his disciplined training and forcing the more temperamental Duran to waste himself and change his plan of action in the ring.

Both men will enter the ring with undertones of emotions, due to outside influences. Leonard, however, will be more in control of his life and emotions on the evening of June 20th.

Look for some early fireworks from Duran, but don't be fooled by his lack of energy in the early rounds—especially the second, when he is likely to have a personal energy crisis. His inconsistency is likely to make Leonard uneasy. However, Duran is capable of rallying and coming back strong, surprising Leonard, who should not be lulled into a sense of false security early.

Duran will be very vulnerable around his shoulders, particularly in that second round; while Leonard will be more vulnerable on his chin. The fifth round should be a good one for Leonard.

The position of the planets favor Leonard on June 20, not just in the fight itself, but also financially. After the fight Leonard will be launched into another very successful career where he will make plenty of money. Fans of Duran will find his career blossoming—but *after* September 16th. Since success is geared to being in the right place at the right time, my bet would be to back Duran in the fall of 1980, but *not* on June 20th.

The very fact that the bout is being held in Montreal is crucial, not only to the position of the planets, but to the outcome. The further South the match would have taken place, the more Duran could have thought in terms of victory. However, Mike Trainer, Sugar Ray's legal advisor, must have been thinking in terms of the planets when he made the match in Montreal, for Sugar Ray will win it there, but by no means in a walkover. It will merely be a matter of a bit more planetary pressure put on Duran on the evening of the fight.

SYBIL LEEK

ASTROLOGICAL RATING ON A 1-10 BASIS ON DAY OF MATCH

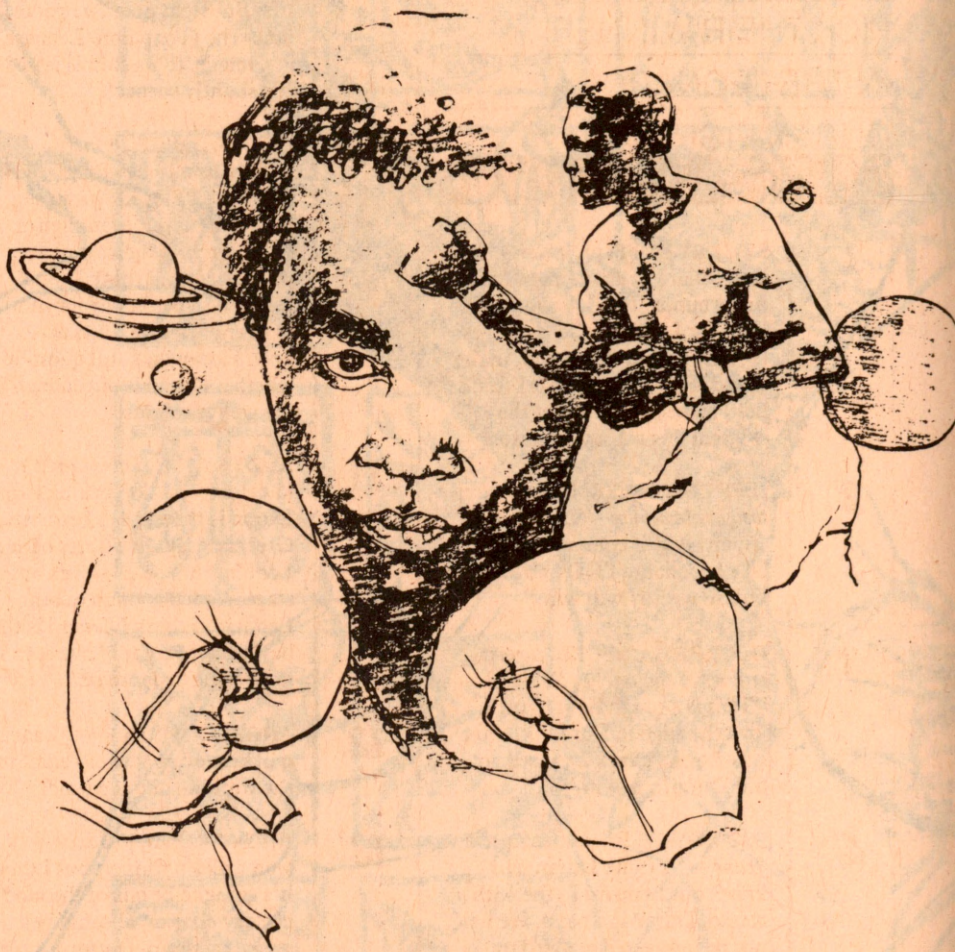
	Duran	Leonard
Stamina	6	8
Energy	6	7
Emotions	9	8
Discipline	7	9
Fitness	7	9
Charisma	9	7
Sexy appeal to public	9	7
Box office appeal	9	8
Strategy	7	9
	69	72

POSITION OF PLANETS AT TIME OF BIRTH

RAY LEONARD MAY 17, 1956	ROBERTO DURAN JUNE 16, 1951
Sun in Taurus	Sun in Gemini
Moon in Virgo	Moon in Scorpio
Mercury in Gemini	Mercury in Gemini
Venus in Cancer	Venus in Leo
Mars in Aquarius	Mars in Gemini
Jupiter in Leo	Jupiter in Aries
Saturn in Scorpio	Saturn in Virgo
Uranus in Cancer	Uranus in Cancer
Neptune in Libra	Neptune in Libra
Pluto in Leo	Pluto in Leo

PLANETARY PATTERN ON JUNE 20, 1980

Sun in Gemini
Moon in Virgo
Mercury in Cancer
Venus in Gemini
Mars in Virgo
Jupiter in Virgo
Saturn in Virgo



TWENTY-ONE PERSONALITIES OF THE BOXING WORLD PICK THEIR WINNER IN THE LEONARD DURAN FIGHT

1 MICKEY DUFF, *promoter*—"It'll be Leonard in about eight or nine rounds. It will be an easy fight for Leonard. He is the best fighter, pound-for-pound, in the world. He's so good that I think he'll make people forget the original Sugar Ray Robinson.

2 JEFF CHANDLER, *U.S. bantamweight champion*—"Leonard in 15, any way it comes. It might be a knockout, TKO or decision, but Sugar Ray will win."

3 GEORGE GAINFORD, *former trainer of Sugar Ray Robinson* — "This is a tough fight to pick. I give the edge to Duran. I'm not sure he can knock Leonard out, but Duran *will* win."

4 PAUL GUEZ, *President, Sasson Jeans* — "I think Duran will knock out Leonard in the 13th round. Duran is a beast. He will not be impressed or awed by Leonard. On the other hand, Leonard will be impressed and awed by Duran. Duran will stay close all fight, wear him out, then kill him."

5 BERNARD TAYLOR, *outstanding amateur featherweight* — "Leonard. Duran has not looked good as a welterweight."

6 ALEX RAMOS, *top-rated U.S. amateur 156-pounder* — "I think Leonard will stop him."

7 ACE MILLER, *manager, John Tate* — "I like Leonard. He's too fast for Duran and too good a boxer."

8 FERDIE PACHECO, *"The Fight Doctor"* — "It will be a close match. Duran will win on experience, guts, and the desire of a man who's been there before and wants to be there again. Angelo has told me, 'I've got a plan to beat Duran.' I told him, 'I know you do. But does Leonard know how to execute it?'"

9 REGGIE GUTTERIDGE, *British ITV announcer* — "I've been a great Duran supporter all my life. But right now I've got to fancy the young lion, Leonard . . . that is, if his chin is tested. It's slightly suspect."

10 CHUCK DAVEY, *former welterweight contender and WBA official* — "I loved Duran as a lightweight, but even though he's currently fighting as a welterweight, I think Duran would be a better test for him than anything he's had up to now. However, I still question whether Duran is big enough for the welterweights.

11 ANDY SMITH, *Dave Green's manager* — "I don't think that Duran is three times better than Green, or say, five times better. I don't think he is — even at that stage — good enough to beat Leonard. I think Leonard is the best welterweight I have seen in my boxing experience."

12 ANGELO DUNDEE — "Leonard will beat every welterweight in the world — one at a time."

13 IRVING RUDD, *publicist* — "I won't pick a winner, but I think it's going to be one of the modern day classics, absolutely a great match-up. A strong puncher — shrewd, courageous guy in Duran; fastest hands in the ring belonging to Leonard. It's going to be a matter of stamina; conditions gonna be a telling factor. I make it close right down to the wire; maybe a late round knockout by somebody.

14 CHRIS SCHENKLE — "It depends on Duran's condition. I guess he'd get up for the fight. I think Leonard's speed — I don't think he (Duran) punches as hard as a welterweight as he did as a lightweight. I don't think he's quick enough to get to him. Leonard on points.

15 SUGAR RAY LEONARD — "The outcome? Well it's obvious. I would knock Duran out."

16 MIKE LOCKLEY, *Assistant Editor, Boxing News* — "I honestly think Leonard can win inside the distance. We're looking at someone very special. Duran hasn't really impressed me lately against the likes of Wheatley and Gonzalez.

17 BARNEY NAGLER — "Duran retains enough of his old skills to handle Leonard. If you're never in the pit, you don't learn what's in it; and Leonard has never been there.

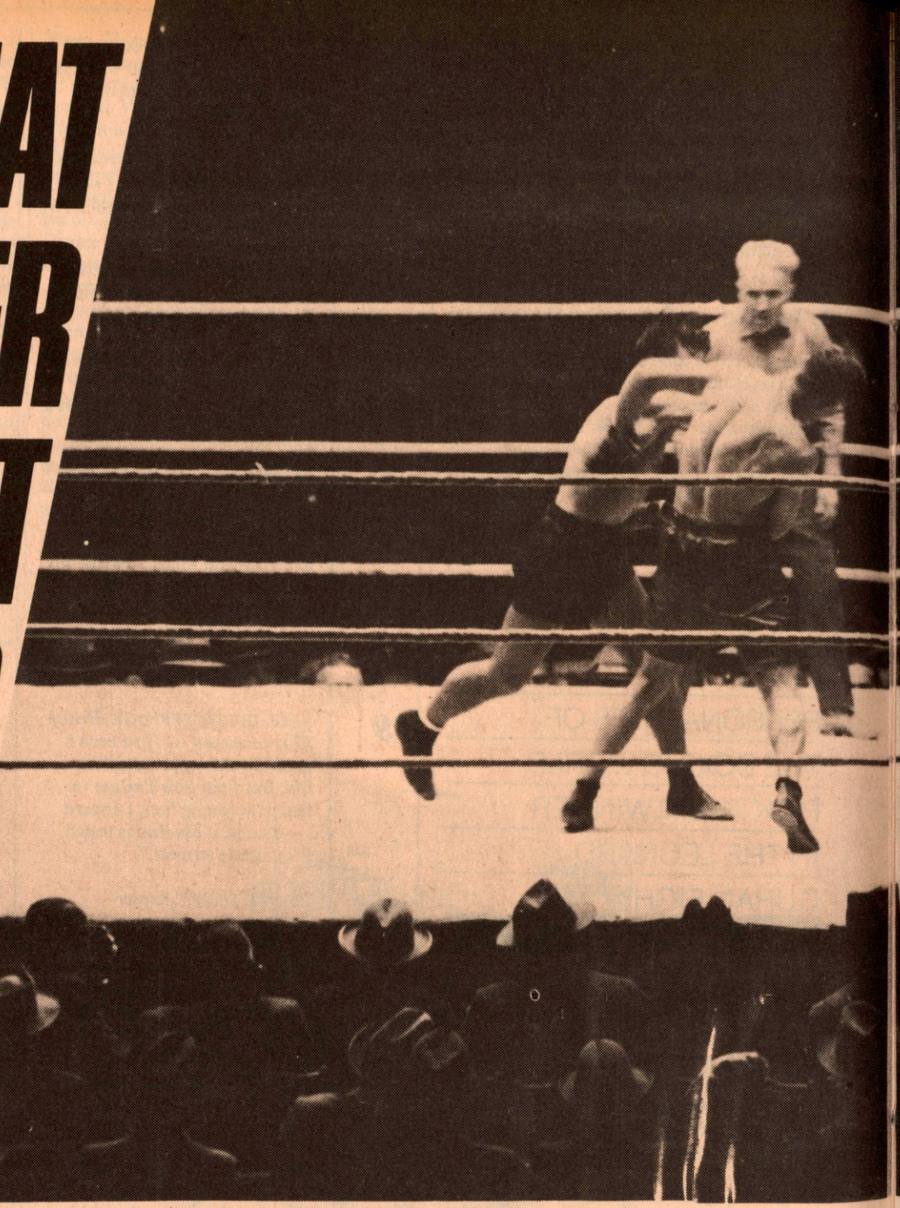
18 RED SMITH — "I suppose Leonard would win because I think Duran is getting close to the end . . . If it turns out to be a matter of a duel, Leonard would outduel him. Duran isn't at the top of his game and Leonard has not really reached his peak.

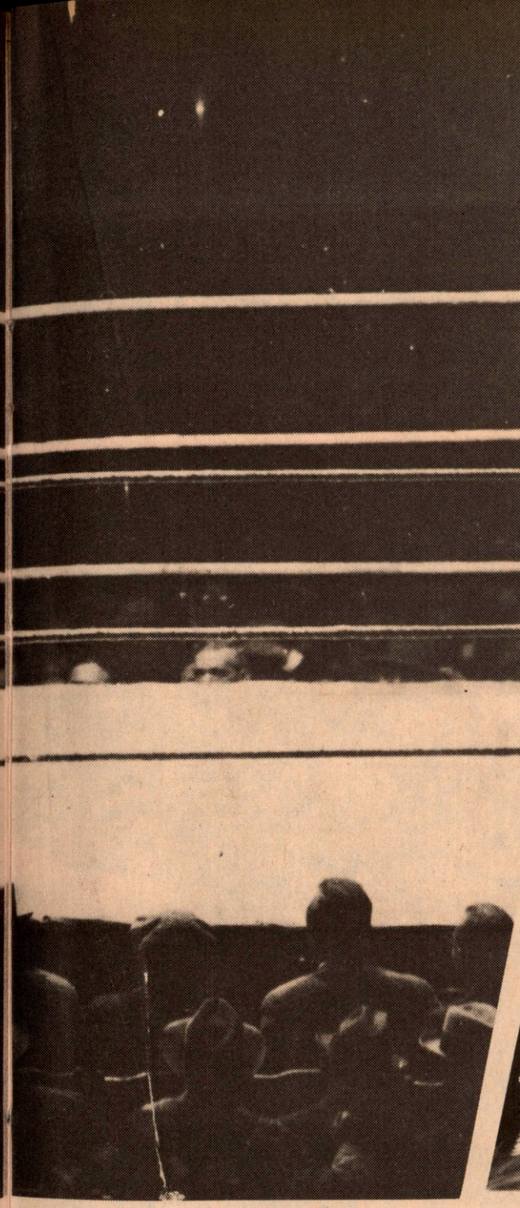
19 PAT HENRY, *comedian* — "Leonard is one of the classiest fighters I have ever seen. Duran is one of the toughest. It will be a sensational fight. I like Leonard."

20 EDDIE GREGORY, *WBA light heavyweight cmampion* — "Duran will win. He has too much upper body strength. Sugar Ray won't be able to do all that much. Duran by a knockout."

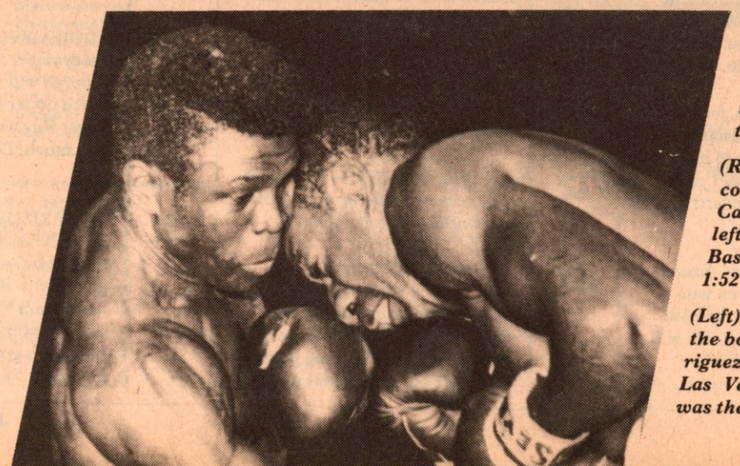
21 HOWARD DAVIS JR., *lightweight contender and Olympic teammate of Leonard* — "It should be a real great fight. Ray will outbox him, dazzle him with his boxing skills. Boxers give Duran trouble. Ray's got it all, that's why he'll win."

GREAT WELTER WEIGHT FIGHTS OF THE PAST





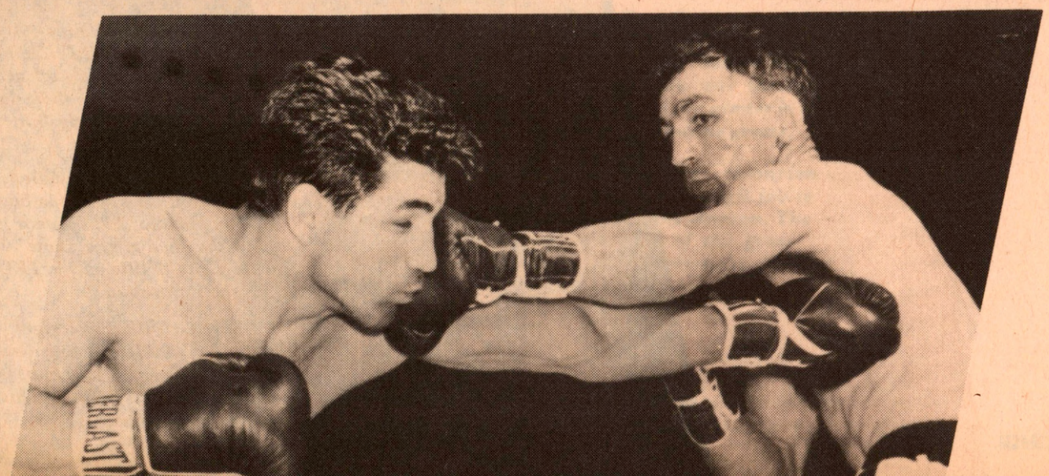
(Left) Champion Mickey Walker lands a right to the face of his nemesis, Dave Shade, at Yankee Stadium. Walker won this fight by split decision. Referee Patsy Haley and judge Dick Nugent voting for Mick and judge George Kelly scoring it for Shade. They had met twice before, in 1921.

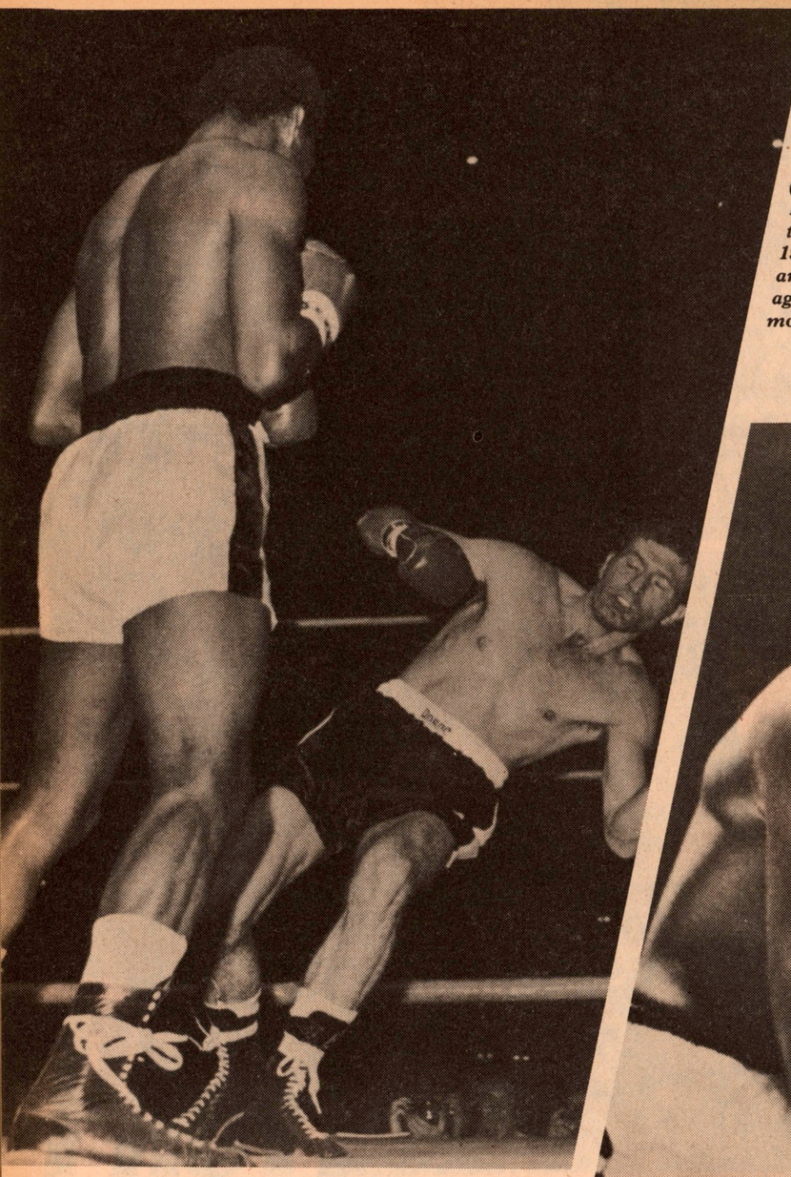


(Top Right) Henry Armstrong lands a left to Fritzie Zivic's body. The slashing Zivic had at least a piece of Henry's number, decisioning him and stopping him in two tough title bouts.

(Right) Champion Tony DeMarco connects with a left to the body of Carmen Basilio, but takes a hard left to the face at the same time. Basilio won the title with a TKO at 1:52 of the 12th round.

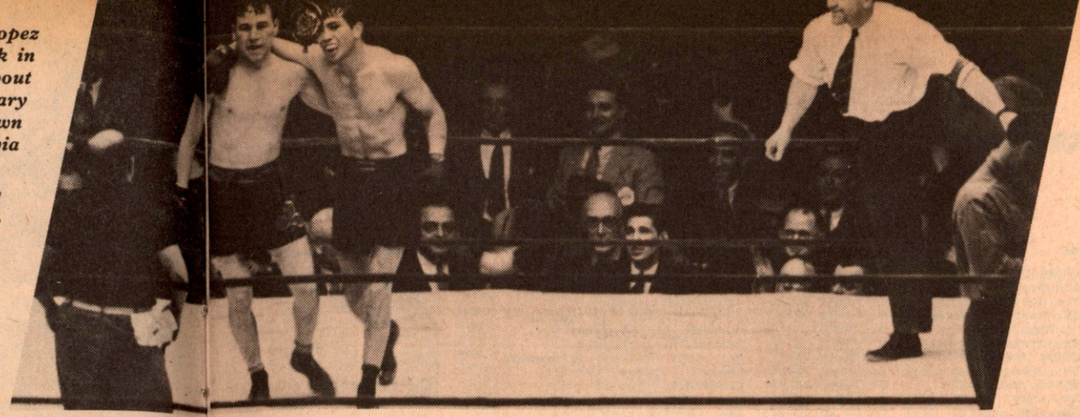
(Left) Emile Griffith digs a right to the body (]) of challenger Luis Rodriguez in their June 12, 1964 bout in Las Vegas won by Griffith. This was their fourth meeting.

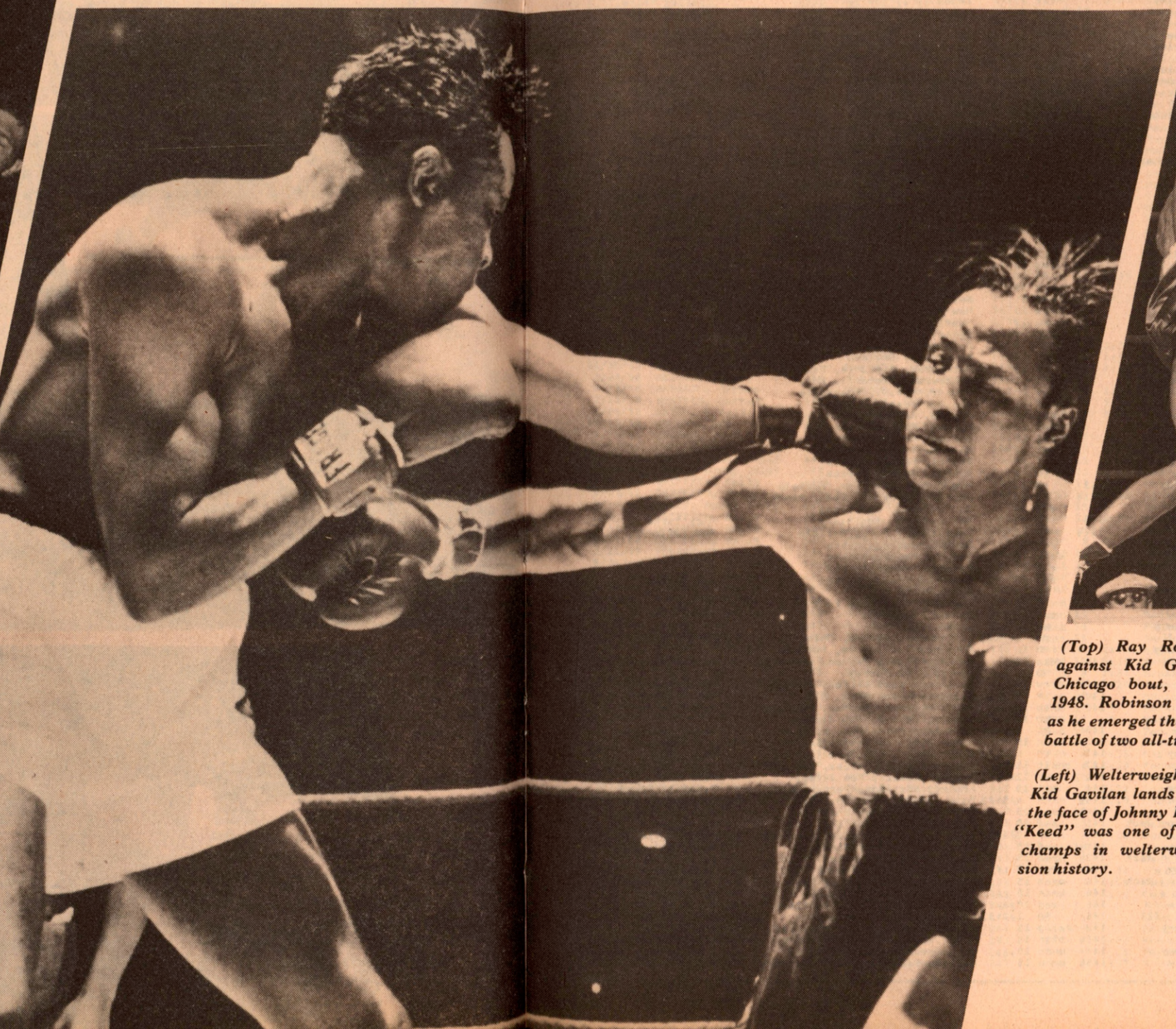


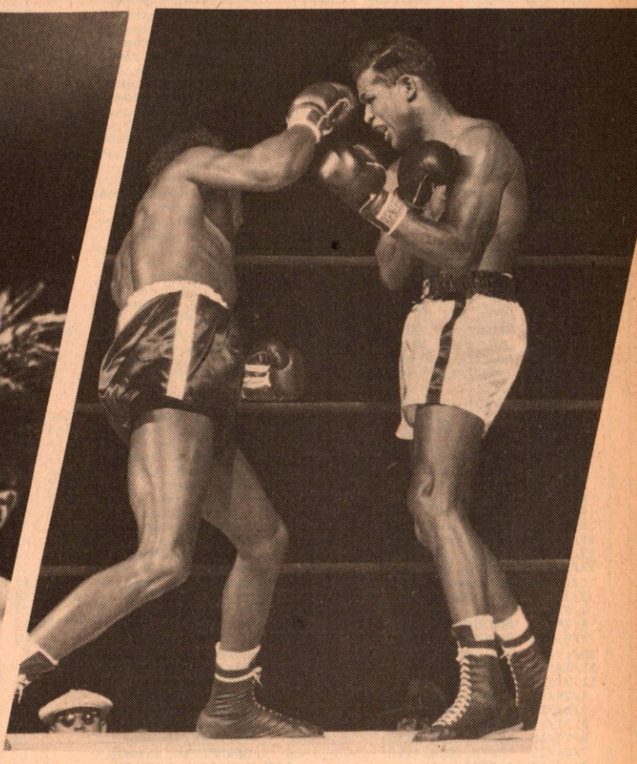


(Left) Ernie (Indian red) Lopez goes down from a left hook in the first round of his title bout with Jose Napoles on February 15, 1970. Lopez went down twice more, finally losing via TKO in the 15th.

(Right) Jimmy McLarnin and Barney Ross are "pals" after their rubber match, May 28, 1935. Seconds later, Barney's arm was hoisted as the champ again — the winner by unanimous decision.







(Top) Ray Robinson defends against Kid Gavilan in their Chicago bout, September 23, 1948. Robinson was masterful as he emerged the winner in this battle of two all-time greats.

(Left) Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan lands a left jab to the face of Johnny Bratton. The "Keed" was one of the great champs in welterweight division history.

WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

Date	Winner	Weight	Loser	Weight	Result	Time KO		Site	Referee
12/14/92	SMITH, Mysterious Billy	142	NEEDHAM, Danny	143	KO	14		Wigwam Theatre, San Francisco	Walter Watson
8/17/93	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WILLIAMS, Tom		KO	2		Coney Island A.C., Brooklyn	Johnny Eckhardt
7/26/94	RYAN, Tommy		SMITH, Mysterious Billy		ref	20		Minneapolis, Minnesota	Joe Choynski
5/27/95	RYAN, Tommy		SMITH, Mysterious Billy		NC	18		Coney Island A.C., Brooklyn	Tim Hurst
3/02/96	McCOY, Charles (Kid)		RYAN, Tommy		KO	15		Masneth, Long Island, N.Y.	
5/18/96	McCOY, Charles (Kid)		SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WF	6		Boston, Massachusetts	
4/14/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WALCOTT, Joe		draw	25		Park City Theatre, Bridgeport	Sam Austin
7/29/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		GREEN, George		ref	25		Lenox A.C., New York City	
8/25/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		MATTHEWS, Matty		ref	25		Lenox A.C., New York City	Charley White
9/05/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WALSH, Andy		draw	25		Coney Island A.C., Brooklyn	
10/03/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		JUDGE, Jim		KO	20	2:50	American Sporting Club, Scranton	Sam Austin
10/07/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		McKEEVER, Charley		ref	25		Lenox A.C., New York City	Charley White
12/06/98	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WALCOTT, Joe		ref	20		Lenox A.C., New York City	Charley White
1/24/99	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		EDWARDS, Billy		KO	14		Lenox A.C., New York City	
3/10/99	SMITH, Mysterious Billy	142	LAVIGNE, George (Kid)	139	TKO	14		Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco	Jim McDonald
6/30/99	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		McKEEVER, Charley		D	20		Lenox A.C., New York City	
8/04/99	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WALSH, Andy		D	25		Broadway A.C., Brooklyn	
11/08/99	SMITH, Mysterious Billy		McKEEVER, Charley		ref	20		Lenox A.C., New York City	
1/15/00	FERNS, James (Rube)		SMITH, Mysterious Billy		WF	21		Buffalo, New York	.... McBride
8/13/00	FERNS, James (Rube)		CONNOLLY, Eddie		TKO	15		Buffalo, New York	.... McBride
9/01/00	FERNS, James (Rube)		MATTHEWS, Matty		ref	15		Detroit, Michigan	Malachy Hogan
10/16/00	MATTHEWS, Matty		FERNS, James (Rube)		ref	15		Detroit, Michigan	
4/29/01	**MATTHEWS**, Matty		COUHIG, Tom		ref	20		Louisville, Kentucky	
5/24/01	**FERNS**, James (Rube)		MATTHEWS, Matty		KO	10	2:10	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Marvin Smith
9/23/01	FERNS, James (Rube)		ERNE, Frank		KO	9		Int. A.C., Fort Erie, Ontario	
12/18/01	WALCOTT, Joe		FERNS, James (Rube)		TKO	5		Int. A.C., Fort Erie, Ontario	.... McBride
6/23/02	**WALCOTT**, Joe		WEST, Tommy		ref	15		London, England	
4/02/03	WALCOTT, Joe		WOODS, Billy		D	20		Century A.C., Los Angeles	
4/29/04	KID, Dixie		WALCOTT, Joe		WF	20		Colma, California	"Duck" Sullivan
5/12/04	KID, Dixie		WALCOTT, Joe		draw	20		San Francisco, California	
9/30/04	WALCOTT, Joe	141	GANS, Joe	137	draw	20		Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco	... Welch
10/16/06	MELLODY, Honey		WALCOTT, Joe		ref	15		Lincoln Club, Chelsea, Mass.	
11/29/06	MELLODY, Honey		WALCOTT, Joe		TKO	12		Lincoln Club, Chelsea, Mass.	
4/23/07	SULLIVAN, Mike (Twin)		MELLODY, Honey		ref	20		Century A.C., Los Angeles	
11/01/07	SULLIVAN, Mike (Twin)		FIELD, Frank		ref	20		Goldfield, Nevada	
11/27/07	SULLIVAN, Mike (Twin)		FARMER, Kid		KO	13		Century A.C., Los Angeles	
4/23/08	SULLIVAN, Mike (Twin)		GARDNER, Jimmy		ref	25		Century A.C., Los Angeles	James J. Jeffries
11/07/08	GARDNER, Jimmy		CLABBY, Jimmy		ref	15		New Orleans, Louisiana	
11/26/08	GARDNER, Jimmy		CLABBY, Jimmy		draw	20		New Orleans, Louisiana	
9/05/10	CLABBY, Jimmy		BUCKLES, Guy		KO	13		Sheridan, Wyoming	
11/02/10	CLABBY, Jimmy		BRYANT, Bob		TKO	7		Sydney, N.S.W., Australia	
12/26/10	CLABBY, Jimmy		DEVITT, Gus		KO	1		Brisbane, Queensland, Aus.	
1/25/11	LEWIS, Harry		SUMMERS, Johnny		KO	4		Liverpool, England	
1/01/14	HOLBERG, Waldemar		BRONSON, Ray		ref	20		Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.	
1/24/14	McCORMICK, Tom		HOLBERG, Waldemar		WF	6		Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.	
3/21/14	WELLS, Matt		McCORMICK, Tom		ref	20		Sydney, N.S.W., Australia	
6/01/15	GLOVER, Mike		WELLS, Matt		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
6/04/15	BRITTON, Jack		GLOVER, Mike		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
8/31/15	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		BRITTON, Jack		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
9/27/15	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		BRITTON, Jack		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
10/26/15	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		MANDOT, Joe		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
11/02/15	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		SAYLOR, Milburn		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
11/23/15	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		DUFFY, Jimmy		KO	1		Boston, Massachusetts	
1/20/16	**BRITTON**, Jack	144+	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)	142	ND	10		Broadway Auditorium, Buffalo	
2/15/16	BRITTON, Jack	143½	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)	141½	ND	10		Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
3/01/16	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		STONE, Harry		ref	20		New Orleans, Louisiana	
4/24/16	BRITTON, Jack	145	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)	145	ref	20		New Orleans, Louisiana	Dick Burke
9/05/16	BRITTON, Jack	147	WELLING, Joe	134½	ND	10		Queensberry A.C., Buffalo	Joe Suttner
10/17/16	BRITTON, Jack		LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
11/14/16	BRITTON, Jack		LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		draw	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
11/21/16	BRITTON, Jack		WHITE, Charley		ref	12		Boston, Massachusetts	
6/25/17	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		BRITTON, Jack		ref	20		Westwood Field, Dayton	Lou Bauman
7/04/17	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		GRIFFITHS, Johnny		ND	15		Akron, Ohio	
8/31/17	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		BADOUD, Albert		KO	*1		New York City, New York	
5/17/18	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		TILLMAN, Johnny		ref	20		Denver, Colorado	
7/04/18	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		GRIFFITHS, Johnny		ND	20		Akron, Ohio	
3/17/19	BRITTON, Jack	144½	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)		KO	9	2:10	Auditorium, Canton, Ohio	Matt Hinkel
5/05/19	BRITTON, Jack		GRIFFITHS, Johnny		ND	10		Broadway Auditorium, Buffalo	
2/07/21	BRITTON, Jack	145	LEWIS, Ted (Kid)	145	unan	15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Dick Nugent
7/18/21	BRITTON, Jack		WALKER, Mickey		ND	12		Newark, New Jersey	
2/17/22	BRITTON, Jack	146½	SHADE, Dave	144½	draw	15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Patsy Haley
6/26/22	BRITTON, Jack	146½	LEONARD, Benny	139½	WF	13	2:42	Velodrome, New York, N.Y.	Patsy Haley
11/01/22	WALKER, Mickey	144½	BRITTON, Jack	146	unan	15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Patsy Haley
3/22/23	WALKER, Mickey		LATZO, Pete		ND	12		Armory, Newark, New Jersey	
10/08/23	WALKER, Mickey	148	JONES, Jimmy	145+	NC	9	**	Dreamland Park, Newark, N.J.	Danny Sullivan
6/02/24	WALKER, Mickey	147	TENDLER, Lew	142+	unan	10		Baker Bowl, Philadelphia, Pa.	Jim Brennan
10/01/24	WALKER, Mickey	146+	BARRETT, Bobby	147	KO	6	1:33	Baker Bowl, Philadelphia, Pa.	Dan Buckley
9/21/25	WALKER, Mickey	144½	SHADE, Dave	147	split	15		Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York	Patsy Haley
11/25/25	WALKER, Mickey	146½	FRIEDMAN, Sailor	144	ND	12		Armory, Newark, New Jersey	Hank Lewis
5/20/26	LATZO, Pete	146	WALKER, Mickey	144	maj	10		Armory, Scranton, Pennsylvania	Frank J. Floyd
7/09/26	LATZO, Pete	147	LEVINE, George	145½	WF	4	1:28	Polo Grounds, New York City	Ed Purdy
6/03/27	DUNDEE, Joe	143	LATZO, Pete	146½	maj	15		Polo Grounds, New York City	Eddie Forbes
† 3/25/29	FIELDS, Jackie	145+	THOMPSON, Young Jack	145	ref	10		Coliseum, Chicago, Illinois	Ed Purdy
7/25/29	FIELDS, Jackie	145	DUNDEE, Joe	147	WF	2	1:55	Fair Grounds, Detroit, Michigan	Elmer McClelland
5/09/30	THOMPSON, Young Jack	142+	FIELDS, Jackie	145+	ref	15		Olympia, Detroit, Michigan	Elmer McClelland
9/05/30	FREEMAN, Tommy	145+	THOMPSON, Young Jack	143¾	ref	15		League Park, Cleveland, Ohio	Patsy Haley
4/14/31	**THOMPSON**, Young Jack	145½	FREEMAN, Tommy	146+	TKO	12	*	Public Hall, Cleveland, Ohio	Eddie Davis
10/23/31	BROUILLARD, Lou	146+	THOMPSON, Young Jack	146	unan	15		Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Johnny Brassil
1/28/32	FIELDS, Jackie	145½	BROUILLARD, Lou	146	unan	10		Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Ill.	Dave Miller
2/22/33	CORBETT, Young III	146	FIELDS, Jackie	146	ref	10		Seals' Stadium, San Francisco	Lt. Jack Kennedy
5/29/33	McLARNIN, Jimmy	145¼	CORBETT, Young III	146	KO	1	2:37	Wrigley Field, Los Angeles	George Blake
5/28/34	ROSS, Barney	137+	McLARNIN, Jimmy	142	split	15		M.S.G. Bowl, Long Island City	Eddie Forbes
9/17/34	McLARNIN, Jimmy	146¼	ROSS, Barney	140¾	split	15		M.S.G. Bowl, Long Island City	Arthur Donovan
5/28/35	ROSS, Barney	141	McLARNIN, Jimmy	144+	unan	15		Polo Grounds, New York City	Jack Dempsey
11/27/36	ROSS, Barney	143¼	JANNAZZO, Izzy	145¼	unan	15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Johnny McAvoy

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Date	Winner	Weight	Loser	Weight	Result	Time KO	Site	Referee
9/23/37	ROSS, Barney	143	GARCIA, Cererino	145+	unan 15		Polo Grounds, New York City	Billy Cavanaugh
5/31/38	ARMSTRONG, Henry	133½	ROSS, Barney	142	unan 15		M.S.G. Bowl, Long Island City	Arthur Donovan
11/25/38	ARMSTRONG, Henry	134	GARCIA, Ceferino	146½	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
12/05/38	ARMSTRONG, Henry	134+	MANFREDO, Al	146	TKO 3	1:45	Arena, Cleveland, Ohio	Tony LaBranche
1/10/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	134½	ARIZMENDI, Baby	136	ref 10		Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	George Blake
3/04/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	134	PACHO, Bobby	147	TKO 4	1:10	Tropical Stadium, Havana, Cuba	James J. Braddock
3/16/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	135	FELDMAN, Lew	134	KO 1	2:12	Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis	Walter Heisner
3/31/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	135	DAY, Davey	136	KO 12	2:49	Madison Square Garden, New York	Billy Cavanaugh
5/25/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	135	RODERICK, Ernie	145+	ref 15		Harringay Arena, London, England	Wilfred Smith
10/09/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	141½	MANFREDO, Al	146+	TKO 4	1:35	Riverview Park Arena, Des Moines	Alex Fidler
10/13/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	141	SCOTT, Howard	147	KO 2	1:38	Armory, Minneapolis, Minnesota	John de Otis
10/20/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	139+	FONTAINE, Ritchie	141	KO 3	2:03	Civic Stadium, Seattle, Wash.	Tommy Clark
10/24/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	138¾	GARRISON, Jimmy	139½	ref 10		Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	George Blake
10/30/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	140	PACHO, Bobby	146	TKO 4	1:--	Municipal Auditorium, Denver	Jack Bloom
12/11/39	ARMSTRONG, Henry	138+	GARRISON, Jimmy	141	KO 7	1:19	Arena, Cleveland, Ohio	Benny Leonard
1/04/40	ARMSTRONG, Henry	136+	GUNOUILY, Joe	135½	KO 5	1:34	Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis	Harry Cook
1/24/40	ARMSTRONG, Henry	139+	MONTANEZ, Pedro	144½	TKO 9	0:47	Madison Square Garden, New York	Billy Cavanaugh
4/26/40	ARMSTRONG, Henry	139½	JUNIOR, Paul	141	TKO 7	1:05	Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Johnny Martin
5/24/40	ARMSTRONG, Henry	140½	ZANELLI, Ralph	145½	TKO 5	1:30	Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Johnny Martin
6/21/40	ARMSTRONG, Henry	144	JUNIOR, Paul	142½	TKO 3	-:--	Arena A.A., Portland, Maine	Johnny Martin
9/23/40	ARMSTRONG, Henry	146	FURR, Phil	147	KO 4	1:45	Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.	Ray Bowen
10/04/40	ZIVIC, Fritzie	145½	ARMSTRONG, Henry	142	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
1/17/41	ZIVIC, Fritzie	145+	ARMSTRONG, Henry	140½	TKO 12	0:52	Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Donovan
7/29/41	COCHRANE, Freddie	142½	ZIVIC, Fritzie	145	ref 15		Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N.J.	Joe Mangold
2/01/46	SERVO, Marty	143	COCHRANE, Freddie	145	KO 4	2:54	Madison Square Garden, New York	Eddie Joseph
12/20/46	ROBINSON, Sugar Ray	146½	BELL, Tommy	146	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Eddie Joseph
6/24/47	ROBINSON, Sugar Ray	146	DOYLE, Jimmy	147	TKO 9	*	Arena, Cleveland, Ohio	Jackie Davis
12/19/47	ROBINSON, Sugar Ray	146½	TAYLOR, Chuck	144+	TKO 6	2:07	Olympia, Detroit, Michigan	Johnny Weber
6/28/48	ROBINSON, Sugar Ray	146½	DOCUSEN, Bernard	145½	unan 15		Comiskey Park, Chicago, Illinois	Walter Brightmore
7/11/49	ROBINSON, Sugar Ray	147	GAVILAN, Kid	144½	unan 15		Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia	Charles Daggert
8/09/50	ROBINSON, Sugar Ray	147	FUSARI, Charley	145½	ref 15		Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City	Paul Cavalier
† 3/14/51	BRATTON, Johnny	146½	FUSARI, Charley	146½	split 15		Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois	Tommy Gilmore
5/18/51	GAVILAN, Kid	145½	BRATTON, Johnny	147	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Ruby Goldstein
8/29/51	GAVILAN, Kid	145½	GRAHAM, Billy	145	split 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Mark Conn
2/04/52	GAVILAN, Kid	147	DYKES, Bobby	146+	split 15		Miami Stadium, Miami, Florida	Eddie Coachman
7/07/52	GAVILAN, Kid	146	TURNER, Gil	144½	TKO 11	2:47	Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia	Pete Tomasco
10/05/52	GAVILAN, Kid	146½	GRAHAM, Billy	146½	unan 15		Stadium Ball Park, Havana, Cuba	Mike Rojo
2/11/53	GAVILAN, Kid	146½	DAVEY, Chuck	147	TKO 10	*	Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois	Frank Gilmer
9/18/53	GAVILAN, Kid	146+	BASILIO, Carmen	147	split 15		War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse	George Walsh
11/13/53	GAVILAN, Kid	146	BRATTON, Johnny	145½	unan 15		Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois	Frank Gilmer
10/20/54	SAXTON, Johnny	146½	GAVILAN, Kid	145½	unan 15		Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.	Pete Pantaleo
4/01/55	DeMARCO, Tony	145	SAXTON, Johnny	145½	TKO 14	2:20	Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Mel Manning
6/10/55	BASILIO, Carmen	145½	DeMARCO, Tony	144+	TKO 12	1:52	War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse	Harry Kessler
11/30/55	BASILIO, Carmen	145½	DeMARCO, Tony	145½	TKO 12	1:54	Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.	Mel Manning
3/14/56	SAXTON, Johnny	146	BASILIO, Carmen	146+	unan 15		Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois	Frank Gilmer
9/12/56	BASILIO, Carmen	146½	SAXTON, Johnny	145+	TKO 9	1:31	War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse	Al Berl
2/22/57	BASILIO, Carmen	147	SAXTON, Johnny	147	KO 2	2:42	Arena, Cleveland, Ohio	Tony LaBranche
6/06/58	AKINS, Virgil	146+	MARTINEZ, Vince	146+	KO 4	0:52	Arena, St. Louis, Missouri	Harry Kessler
12/05/58	JORDAN, Don	145	AKINS, Virgil	145½	unan 15		Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	Lee Grossman
4/24/59	JORDAN, Don	146+	AKINS, Virgil	147	unan 15		Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.	Harry Kessler
7/10/59	JORDAN, Don	147	MOYER, Dennis	146½	unan 15		Meadows Race Track, Portland, Ore.	Harry Volk
5/27/60	PARET, Benny (Kid)	146½	JORDAN, Don	144½	unan 15		Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	Charles Randolph
12/10/60	PARET, Benny (Kid)	147	THOMPSON, Federico	145½	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Mercante
4/01/60	GRIFFITH, Emile	145½	PARET, Benny (Kid)	146½	KO 13	1:11	Convention Hall, Miami Beach, Fla.	Jimmy Peerless
6/03/61	GRIFFITH, Emile	145½	ORTEGA, Gaspar	146	TKO 12	0:48	Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	Tommy Hart
9/30/61	PARET, Benny (Kid)	146	GRIFFITH, Emile	147	split 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Al Berl
3/24/62	GRIFFITH, Emile	144	PARET, Benny (Kid)	146½	TKO 12	2:09	Madison Square Garden, New York	Ruby Goldstein
7/13/62	GRIFFITH, Emile	145½	DUPAS, Ralph	145+	unan 15		Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	Frankie Van
12/08/62	GRIFFITH, Emile	145	FERNANDEZ, Jorge	147	TKO 9	1:34	Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	Harry Krause
3/21/63	RODRIGUEZ, Luis	146	GRIFFITH, Emile	145½	unan 15		Dodger Stadium, Chavez Ravine	Tommy Hart
6/08/63	GRIFFITH, Emile	146½	RODRIGUEZ, Luis	146½	split 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Jimmy Devlin
6/12/64	GRIFFITH, Emile	146	RODRIGUEZ, Luis	146½	split 15		Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	Harry Krause
9/22/64	GRIFFITH, Emile	145½	CURVIS, Brian	145½	ref 15		Empire Pool, Wembley, London	Harry Gibbs
3/30/65	GRIFFITH, Emile	146½	STABLE, Jose	146	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Mercante
12/10/65	GRIFFITH, Emile	146½	GONZALEZ, Manuel	146	unan 15		Madison Square Garden, New York	Arthur Mercante
† 8/24/66	COKES, Curtis	145+	GONZALEZ, Manuel	147	unan 15		Municipal Auditorium, New Orleans	Pete Giarusso
11/28/66	COKES, Curtis	145+	JOSSELIN, Jean	146+	unan 15		Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Texas	Dick Cole
‡12/07/66	SHIPES, Charley	146	MANNING, Percy	146	TKO 10	2:49	High School Gymnasium, Hayward	Vern Bybee
5/19/67	COKES, Curtis	145	PAVILLA, Francois	146+	TKO 10	2:50	Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Texas	Pat Riley
10/02/67	COKES, Curtis	145	SHIPES, Charley	145	TKO 8	1:37	Arena, Oakland, California	Jack Downey
4/16/68	COKES, Curtis	145+	LUDICK, Willie	146½	TKO 5	0:34	Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Texas	Lew Eskin
10/21/68	COKES, Curtis	146½	LaCRUZ, Ramon	147	unan 15		Municipal Auditorium, New Orleans	Herman Dutreix
4/18/69	NAPOLES, Jose	143	COKES, Curtis	145½	TKO 14	*	Forum, Inglewood, California	George Latka
6/29/69	NAPOLES, Jose	145	COKES, Curtis	146½	TKO 11	*	Monumental Plaza, Mexico City	Ramon Berumen
10/17/69	NAPOLES, Jose	144+	GRIFFITH, Emile	144½	unan 15		Forum, Inglewood, California	Dick Young
2/15/70	NAPOLES, Jose	145½	LOPEZ, Ernie	146	TKO 15	2:38	Forum, Inglewood, California	Larry Rozadilla
12/03/70	BACKUS, Billy	146½	NAPOLES, Jose	144½	TKO 4	0:55	War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse	Jack Millicent
6/04/71	NAPOLES, Jose	146	BACKUS, Billy	145+ *	TKO 4	1:53	Forum, Inglewood, California	Dick Young
12/14/71	NAPOLES, Jose	145½	LEWIS, Hedgemon	144+	unan 15		Forum, Inglewood, California	Larry Rozadilla
3/28/72	NAPOLES, Jose	146½	CHARLES, Ralph	147	KO 7	2:52	Empire Pool, Wembley, London	James Brimmell
6/10/72	NAPOLES, Jose	146	PRUITT, Adolph	143½	TKO 2	2:10	Memorial Plaza, Monterrey, Mexico	Octavio Meyran
§ 6/16/72	LEWIS, Hedgemon	147	BACKUS, Billy	147	unan 15		War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse	Arthur Mercante
§ 12/08/72	LEWIS, Hedgemon	145	BACKUS, Billy	145	unan 15		War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse	Tony Phillips
2/28/73	NAPOLES, Jose	146½	LOPEZ, Ernie	146½	KO 7	1:36	Forum, Inglewood, California	Dick Young
6/23/73	NAPOLES, Jose	146	MENETRY, Roger	145	unan 15		Sports Palace, Grenoble, France	Roland Dakin
9/22/73	NAPOLES, Jose	147	GRAY, Clyde	147	unan 15		Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto	Jay Edson
8/03/74	NAPOLES, Jose	145	LEWIS, Hedgemon	141	TKO 9	2:34	Sports Palace, Mexico City	Ramon Berumen
12/14/74	NAPOLES, Jose	146½	SALDANO, Horacio	143	KO 3	1:55	Sports Palace, Mexico City	Ramon Berumen
3/30/75	NAPOLES, Jose	147	MUNIZ, Armando	145	TW 12	0:50	Convention Center, Acapulco	Ramon Berumen
6/28/75	ESPADA, Angel	145+	GRAY, Clyde	144½	unan 15		Roberto Clemente Coliseum, San Juan	Isaac Herrera
7/12/75	NAPOLES, Jose	146	MUNIZ, Armando	146½	unan 15		Sports Palace, Mexico City	Octavio Meyran
† 10/11/75	ESPADA, Angel	143½	GANT, Johnny	144	unan 15		Roberto Clemente Coliseum, San Juan	Waldemar Schmidt
12/06/75	STRACEY, John H.	145	NAPOLES, Jose	147	TKO 6	2:30	Monumental Plaza, Mexico City	Octavio Meyran
3/20/76	STRACEY, John H.	146½	LEWIS, Hedgemon	146+	TKO 10	1:25	Empire Pool, Wembley, London	Harry Gibbs
† 4/27/76	ESPADA, Angel	145½	HAYMAN, Alfonso	147	TKO 8	1:37	Roberto Clemente Coliseum, San Juan	Ismael Quinones Falu

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	Date	Winner	Weight	Loser	Weight	Result	Time KO	Site	Referee
	6/22/76	PALOMINO, Carlos	145¼	STRACEY, John H.	146	TKO 12	1:35	Empire Pool, Wembley, London	Sid Nathan
†	7/17/76	CUEVAS, Jose	146	ESPADA, Angel	145	TKO 2	1:00	Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico	Isidoro Rodriguez
†	10/27/76	CUEVAS, Jose	145+	TSUJIMOTO, Shoji	146+	KO 6	2:29	Jissen Rinri Stadium, Kanazawa	Carlos Berrocal
	1/22/77	PALOMINO, Carlos	146½	MUNIZ, Armando	147	TKO 15	2:26	Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	John Thomas
†	3/12/77	CUEVAS, Jose	146½	CAMPANINO, Miguel	146½	KO 2	2:05	Mexico City, Mexico	Isaac Herrera
	6/14/77	PALOMINO, Carlos	147	GREEN, Dave (Boy)	146+	KO 11	2:05	Empire Pool, Wembley, London	James Brimmell
†	8/06/77	CUEVAS, Jose	145½	GRAY, Clyde	147	KO 2	1:28	Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	Chuck Hassett
	9/13/77	PALOMINO, Carlos	147	AZEVEDO, Everaldo	145½	unan 15		Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	Dick Young
†	11/19/77	CUEVAS, Jose	147	ESPADA, Angel	146½	TKO 12	*	Roberto Clemente Coliseum, San Juan	Jesus Celis
	12/10/77	PALOMINO, Carlos	147	PALACIOS, Jose	146½	KO 13	0:49	Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	John Thomas
	2/11/78	PALOMINO, Carlos	147	SORIMACHI, Ryu	147	KO 7	2:03	Hilton Sports Pavilion, Las Vegas	Ferd Hernandez
†	3/04/78	CUEVAS, Jose	146¼	WESTON, Harold, Jr.	146½	TKO 10	*	Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	Martin Denkin
	3/18/78	PALOMINO, Carlos	147	MOHATAR, Mimoun	146¼	TKO 9	0:57	Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.	Charles Roth
†	5/20/78	CUEVAS, Jose	146+	BACKUS, Billy	146½	TKO 2	*	Forum, Inglewood, California	Carlos Berrocal
	5/27/78	PALOMINO, Carlos	147	MUNIZ, Armando	146	unan 15		Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles	Rudy Ortega
†	9/09/78	CUEVAS, Jose	146¼	RANZANY, Pete	146	TKO 2	1:57	Hughes Stadium, Sacramento	Isidoro Rodriguez
	1/14/79	BENITEZ, Wilfred	146	PALOMINO, Carlos	146½	split 15		Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan	Jay Edson
†	1/29/79	CUEVAS, Jose	146	CLARK, Scott	145½	TKO 2	2:15	Forum, Inglewood, California	Luis Sulbaran
	3/25/79	BENITEZ, Wilfred	147	WESTON, Harold, Jr.	147	unan 15		Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan	Richard Steele
†	7/30/79	CUEVAS, Jose	146½	SHIELDS, Randy	142½	unan 15		Int. Amphitheatre, Chicago	Luis Sulbaran
	11/30/79	LEONARD, Sugar Ray	146	BENITEZ, Wilfred	144¼	TKO 15	2:54	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nev.	Carlos Padilla
†	12/08/79	CUEVAS, Jose	146	ESPADA, Angel	144½	TKO 10	2:03	Sports Arena, Los Angeles	Terry Smith
	3/31/80	LEONARD, Sugar Ray	147	GREEN, Dave (Boy)	147	KO 4	2:27	Capital Centre, Landover, Md.	Arthur Mercante
†	4/06/80	CUEVAS, Jose	146½	VOLBRECHT, Harold	146+	KO 5	1:19	Astro Arena, Houston, Texas	Carlos Berrocal

*Loser failed to answer bell for round indicated.
**Bout declared "no contest" at end of round.
ref=referee's decision (sole arbiter)
†NBA (later WBA) world welterweight title bout.
‡California State Athletic Commission world welterweight title bout
§New York State Athletic Commission world heavyweight title bout
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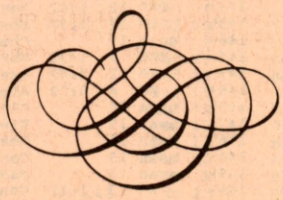


RING RECORDS

ROBERTO DURAN

Height: 5'7" **Reach:** 65"
Weight: 147 pounds
Born: June 16, 1951, Guarare, Panama

YEAR	RECORD	KNOCKOUTS	ROUNDS
1967	5-0	4	8
1968	5-0	4	17
1969	4-0	4	24
1970	4-0	3	27
1971	7-0	7	28
1972	5-1	4	36
1973	8-0	6	54
1974	8-0	7	37
1975	7-0	6	45
1976	4-0	3	32
1977	4-0	2	39
1978	4-0	3	32
1979	3-0	0	30
1980	2-0	2	10
Totals:	70-1	55	419

1967

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 8	Carlos Mendoza	Colon, Panama	W 4
Apr. 4	Manuel Jimenez	Colon, Panama	KO 1
May 14	Juan Gondola	Colon, Panama	KO 1
May 30	Eduardo Morales	Panama City	KO 1
Aug. 10	Enrique Jacobo	Panama City	KO 1

1968

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 12	Uche de Leon	Panama City	KO 2
Feb. 8	Leroy Cargill	Panama City	KO 2
Mar. 16	Cafe Howard	Panama City	KO 1
Apr. 2	Alberto Brands	Panama City	KO 4
Sept. 4	Eduardo Fruto	Panama City	W 8

1969

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 12	Jacinto Garcia	Panama City	KO 5
May 3	Adolfo Osses	Panama City	KO 7
July 16	Serafin Garcia	Panama City	KO 5
Aug. 15	Luis Patino	Panama City	KO 7

1970

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 5	Felipe Torres	Mexico City	W 10
May 16	Ernesto Marcel	Panama City	KO 10
July 10	Clemente Mucino	Colon, Panama	KO 6
Sept. 5	Marvin Castanedas	Panama City	KO 1

1971

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 10	Nacho Castanedas	Panama City	KO 4
Mar. 5	Jose Angel Herrera	Mexico City	KO 6
Apr. 4	Jose Acosta	Panama City	KO 1
May 29	Lloyd Marshall	Panama City	KO 6
July 18	Fermin Soto	Monterrey, Mexico	KO 3
Sept. 13	Benny Huertas	New York City	KO 1
Oct. 15	Hiroshi Kobayashi	Panama City	KO 7

1972

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 15	Angel Robinson Garcia	Panama City	W 10
Mar. 10	Panchito Munez	Panama City	KO 1
June 26	Ken Buchanan (Won World Lightweight Title)	New York City	KO 13
Sept. 2	Greg Potter	Panama City	KO 1
Oct. 28	Lupe Ramirez	Panama City	KO 1
Nov. 17	Esteban DeJesus	New York City	L 10

1973

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 20	Jimmy Robertson (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Panama City	KO 5
Feb. 22	Juan Medina	Los Angeles	KO 7
Mar. 17	Javier Ayala	Los Angeles	W 10
Apr. 14	Gerardo Ferrat	Panama City	KO 2
June 2	Hector Thompson (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Panama City	KO 8
Aug. 4	Doc McClendon	San Juan, P.R.	W 10
Sept. 8	Ishimatsu (Guts) Suzuki (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Panama City	KO 10
Dec. 1	Tony Garcia	Santiago, Chile	KO 2

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 21	Leonard Tavarez	Paris, France	KO 4
Feb. 16	Armando Mendoza	Panama City	KO 3
Mar. 16	Esteban DeJesus (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Panama City	KO 11
July 6	Flash Gallego	Panama City	KO 5
Sept. 2	Hector Matta	San Juan, C.R.	W 10
Oct. 31	Jose Vasquez	San Jose, C.R.	KO 2
Nov. 16	Adelberto Vanegas	Panama City	KO 1
Dec. 21	Masataka Takayama (Retained World Lightweight Title)	San Jose, C.R.	KO 1

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 15	Andres Saldago	Panama City	KO 1
Mar. 2	Ray Lampkin (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Panama City	KO 14
June 3	Jose Peterson	Miami Beach	KO 1
Aug. 3	Pedro Mendoza	Managua, Nic.	KO 1
Sept. 13	Alirio Acuna	Chitre, Panama	KO 3
Sept. 30	Edwin Viruet	Uniondale, N.Y.	W 10
Dec. 20	Leoncio Ortiz (Retained World Lightweight Title)	San Juan, P.R.	KO 15

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
May 4	Saoul Mamby	Miami Beach	W 10
May 23	Lou Bizzaro (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Erie, Pa.	KO 14
July 31	Emiliano Villa	Panama City	KO 7
Oct. 15	Alvaro Rojas (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Hollywood, Fla.	KO 1

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 29	Vilomar Fernandez (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Miami Beach	KO 13
May 16	Javier Muniz	Landover, Md.	W 10
Aug. 6	Bernardo Diaz	Panama City	KO 1
Sept. 17	Edwin Viruet (Retained World Lightweight Title)	Philadelphia	W 15

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 21	Esteban DeJesus (Retained World Lightweight Title) (Won WBC Recognition)	Las Vegas	KO 12
Apr. 27	Adolfo Viruet	New York City	W 10
Sept. 1	Ezequiel Obando	Panama City	KO 2
Dec. 8	Monroe Brooks	New York City	KO 8

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 8	Jimmy Heair	Las Vegas	W 10
June 22	Carlos Palomino	New York City	W 10
Sept. 28	Zeferino Gonzalez	Las Vegas	W 10

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 13	Josef Nsubuga	Las Vegas	KO 4
Feb. 24	Wellington Wheatley	Las Vegas	KO 6

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
71	70	1	0	55

SUGAR RAY LEONARD

Height: 5'10" **Reach:** 74"
Weight: 147 pounds
Born: May 17, 1956, Wilmington, North Carolina

YEAR	RECORD	KNOCKOUTS	ROUNDS
1977	6-0	4	28
1978	11-0	6	84
1979	9-0	7	45
1980	1-0	1	4
Totals:	27-0	18	161

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 5	Luis Vega	Baltimore	W 6
May 14	Willie Rodriguez	Baltimore	W 6
June 10	Vinnie DeBorros	Hartford	KO 3
Sept. 24	Frankie Santore	Baltimore	KO 5
Nov. 5	Augustine Estrada	Las Vegas	KO 6
Dec. 17	Hector Diaz	Washington, D.C.	KO 2

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 4	Rocky Ramon	Baltimore	W 8
March 1	Art McKnight	Dayton	KO 7
March 19	Javier Muniz	New Haven	KO 1
April 13	Bobby Haymon	Landover, Md.	KO 3
May 13	Randy Milton	Utica	KO 8
June 3	Rafael Rodriguez	Baltimore	W 10
July 18	Dick Ecklund	Boston	W 10
Sept. 9	Floyd Mayweather	Providence	KO 10
Oct. 6	Randy Shields	Baltimore	W 10
Nov. 3	Jose Bernardo Prada	Portland, Me.	W 10
Dec. 9	Armando Muniz	Springfield, Mass.	KO 7

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 11	Johnny Gant	Landover, Md.	KO 8
Feb. 11	Fernand Marcotte	Miami Beach	KO 8
March 24	Daniel Gonzales	Tucson	KO 1
April 21	Adolfo Viruet	Las Vegas	W 10
May 20	Marcos Geraldo	New Orleans	W 10
June 24	Tony Chiaverini	Las Vegas	KO 4
Aug. 12	Pete Ranzany (Won NABF Welterweight Title)	Las Vegas	KO 4
Sept. 28	Andy Price (Retained NABF Welterweight Title)	Las Vegas	KO 1
Nov. 30	Wilfred Benitez (Won World Welterweight Title)	Las Vegas	KO 15

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
March 31	Dave (Boy) Green (Retained World Welterweight Title)	Landover, Md.	KO 4

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
27	27	0	0	18

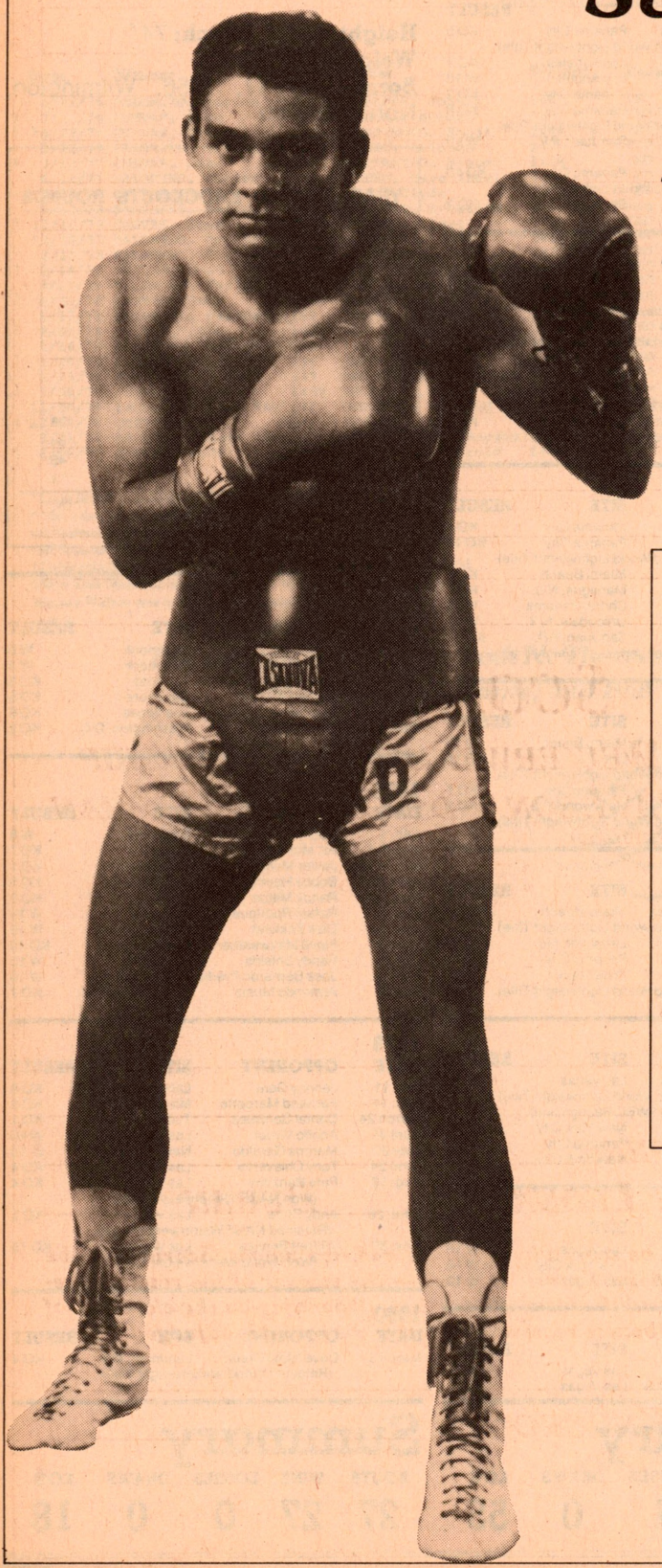
SUGAR RAY LEONARD

vs.

ROBERTO DURAN

FIFTEEN ROUNDS

Olympic Stadium, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Friday, June 20, 1980



TALE OF THE TAPE

ROBERTO DURAN		SUGAR RAY LEONARD
28	AGE	23
147*	WEIGHT	147*
5′7″	HEIGHT	5′10″
66½″	REACH	74″
37½″	CHEST (NORMAL)	38″
39½″	CHEST (EXPANDED)	40″
12½″	BICEPS	15″
11″	FOREARM	11¾″
30″	WAIST	29″
20½″	THIGH	21″
12½″	CALF	13″
16″	NECK	15½″
6½″	WRIST	7″
8½″	FIST	11″
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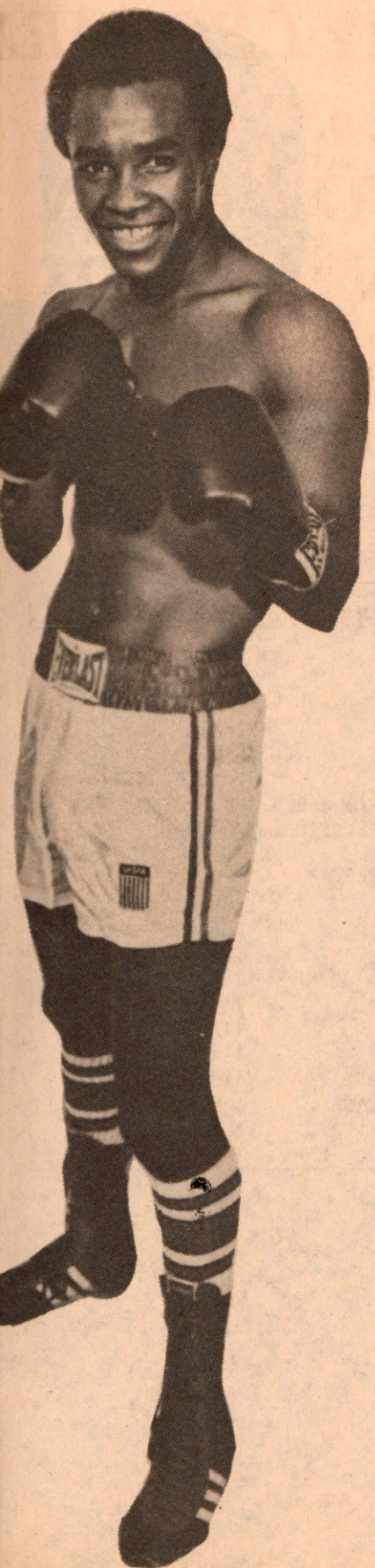
GUARARE, PANAMA	BIRTHPLACE	WILMINGTON, N.C.



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SCORECARD

WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

SUGAR RAY LEONARD vs. ROBERTO DURAN

(Champion) (Challenger)

15 ROUNDS

REFEREE: _____

JUDGES: _____

_____

TIMEKEEPER: _____

WEIGHTS: LEONARD _____ **DURAN** _____

The bout will be scored by a referee and two judges. Scoring will be done on the 10-point "must" system — the winner of the round to receive 10 points and the loser nine or less, depending on the closeness of the round. Both boxers receive 10 points if the round is adjudged even.

RESULT: _____

TIME OF KNOCKOUT: _____

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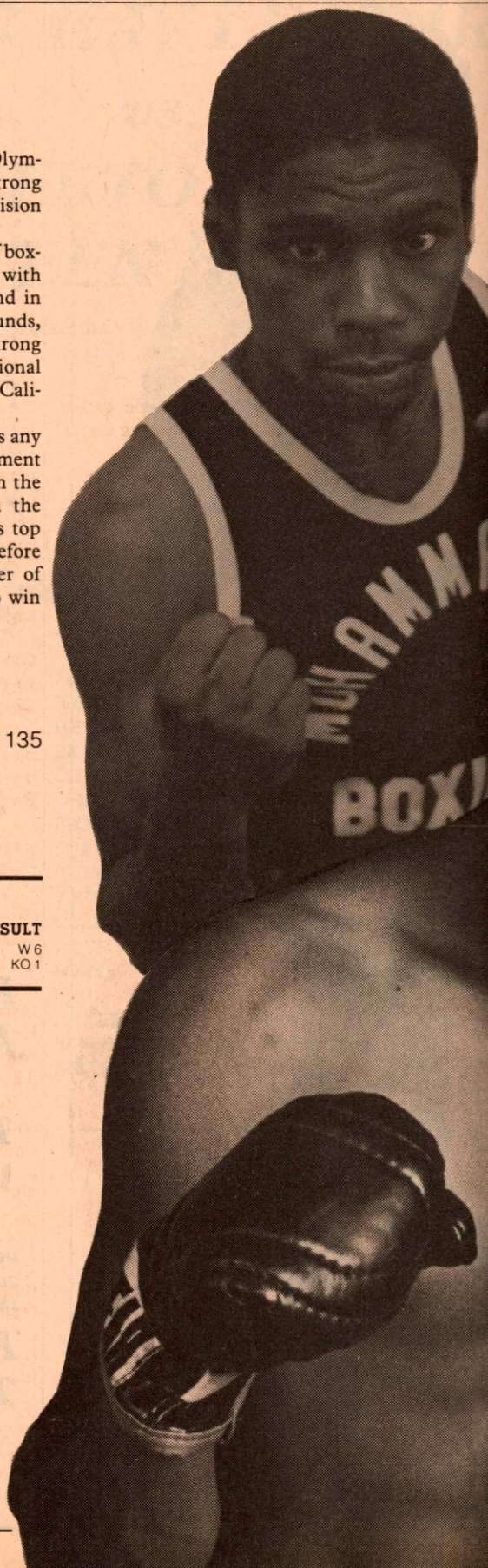


DAVID ARMSTRONG

THE AMATEUR CAREER THAT BEgan in 1966 and carried David (Davey) Armstrong to a Pan American Games medal, a place on two United States Olympic teams and a 165-24 record is over. With the United States boycotting this year's Olympic Games — thereby eliminating his chances for the gold medal that evaded him in 1972 and 1976 — Armstrong decided it was time to start swinging his fists for dollars and cents instead of for medals and trophies.

"With no Olympics to shoot for," said Armstrong, "it became time to start thinking about a career and my family. Where can I make more money or advance myself more than in boxing? God gave me the gifts, tools and skills to be a boxer. I might as well use them."

In his professional debut, Armstrong used those gifts, tools and skills to capture a six-round unanimous decision against Gil Hernandez in Tacoma, Washington.

"I'm on my way!" Armstrong jubilantly declared after tasting his first professional victory. Ironically, Armstrong might find the path to the lightweight title blocked by three of his former amateur counterparts, Hilmer Kenty, Aaron Pryor and Howard Davis Jr.

"They're all great guys," claimed Armstrong. "But if the day comes we gotta be matched, well, this is business, remember."

"Armstrong is a real good fighter," stated Howard Davis Jr., one of Armstrong's Olympic teammates. "There were five of us at Montreal who won gold medals. There should have been six. Armstrong was robbed of a decision. I mean robbed! I think he's gonna do real well as a pro."

Armstrong grew up in Pallyup, Washington, a scenic town approximately 15 miles outside of Tacoma. It was in Tacoma in 1966 that Davey and three of his four brothers (including his twin, Dennis) began boxing at the Tacoma Boy's Club. At the time, Muhammad Ali wa undefeated, in his prime and the heavyweight champion of the world. Armstrong became one of Ali's top fans, studying the champ's every move.

Six years later, while fighting in the Olympic Box-offs in upstate New York, Armstrong met his idol, who was handling the television color commentary.

"Ali made me appreciate the science of boxing," said Armstrong. "You gotta fight with your head as well as with your fists. And in the pros, you have more time, more rounds, to fight scientifically." Today, Armstrong boxes for Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, Inc., based in Santa Monica, California.

With as solid an amateur background as any fighter could have, with the encouragement of "The Greatest" backing him up, with the dedication few athletes have and with the belief he is going to become the world's top lightweight, it may not be too long before Armstrong becomes yet another member of that outstanding 1976 Olympic squad to win a world championship.

DAVID ARMSTRONG

Height: 5'8½" **Weight:** 135 pounds **Born:** June 9, 1956
Amateur Record: 165-24

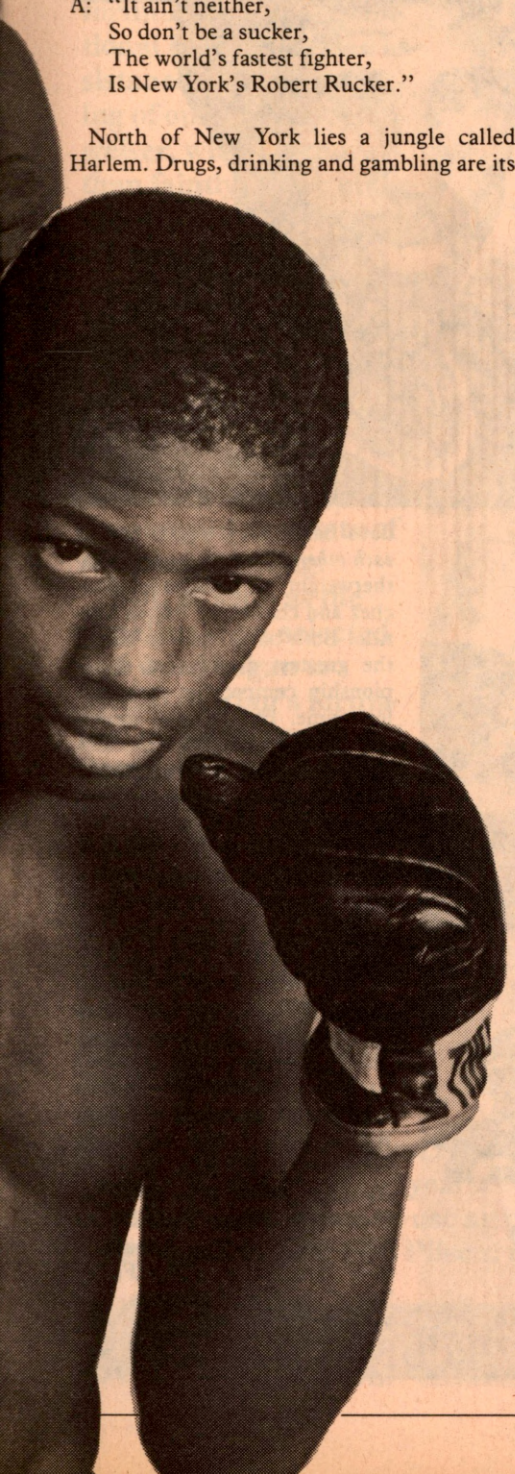
1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 28	Gil Hernandez	Tacoma	W 6
May 4	Edmundo Arrelano	Seattle	KO 1

ROBERT RUCKER

Q: "Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who's the fastest fighter of all?
Mirror, mirror, can you say,
Is it Davis, or Sugar Ray?"

A: "It ain't neither,
So don't be a sucker,
The world's fastest fighter,
Is New York's Robert Rucker."



North of New York lies a jungle called Harlem. Drugs, drinking and gambling are its middle name. When born in this jungle a man learns self-defense and that protecting his loved ones is more than a game.

Many are born here. An alarming number never reach an age where they can tell their stories to the world. One of the lucky ones who have survived is Robert Rucker. It took a miracle by the name of Billy Giles to save him.

Smilin' Billy Giles lives in the jungle called Harlem. He has seen more death and wasted lives in his 27 years than an army troop will see in an entire war.

"I met him when he was seven years old," recalled Giles. "He was doing things then that kids don't even think of doing 'til they're 18. He was headed straight for disaster, that I'm sure of."

Giles took a liking to the youngster, who was called "Pee Wee" by his friends, and began to treat him like a younger brother.

"You hate to see any kid go wrong," said Giles, "but something told me this kid was special, so I kind of took him under my wing."

"Pee Wee" and "Smilin' Billy" became pals. At the age of 11, Giles handed Rucker his first pair of boxing gloves. It was to be Rucker's "Open Sesame"; A star was born; A life was saved. From then on, all "Pee Wee" wanted to do was attend school and train in the gym.

"He is a good student in school," said Giles, "but an honor student in the gym. You show him something once and that's it. He's one of those people you call a 'natural athlete'. I remember the first time he hit the speed bag—the peanut bag, the real tiny one. He walked right over to it and began hitting it without anybody having to show him how. That's unheard of."

Rucker developed quickly, both physically and mentally. He knew how to handle his surroundings, and how to defend his space. The runt once known as "Pee Wee" grew into 5'9" of the hardest 135 pounds in Harlem; the hardest, most athletic, agile and fastest 135 pounds in Harlem.

"He got so good that he was thrown out of a junior amateur tournament for making professional moves," recalled Giles with a laugh. Of his 48 amateur fights, Rucker won 44, 30 by knockout. Included were three New York State junior Olympic titles and an Ohio State championship. He also lost a hairline decision to talented Roberto Vinas in the finals of the 1977 New York Golden Gloves. Rucker's three other amateur losses were all by close decisions.

Turning professional in September, 1978, Rucker halted Peter O'Keefe in the third round. He has been looking more world class every fight.

"He is a Wilfred Benitez with a punch," stated Giles proudly, adding, "only Rucker don't throw as many crooked punches as Benitez does. He can do everything a fighter is supposed to do. Everything! How many fighters can you say that about? He can fight inside and out. He has never been dropped, never been cut, never been hurt. He has hands that move in a blurr. They're like a flyweight's hands with the power of a strong middleweight. And he's only just starting to come into his own as a puncher. He's hurting guys with body shots. You watch. A year—year-and-a-half—from now, Rucker is gonna' be a world champion."

Rucker, who is trained by Robert Allah and Robert Velez, enjoys playing basketball, shooting pool, playing chess and listening to "Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers" when he is not doing schoolwork or gymwork.

"He's something special, like I said before," Giles brags. "I've developed Golden Gloves champions, National AAU champions, and all kinds of amateur champions before, but I'm tellin' you, I've never worked with anybody like Rucker. He really has *it*!"

ROBERT RUCKER

Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 135 pounds
Born: June 17, 1961
Amateur Record: 44-4, 30 knockouts

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 8	Peter O'Keefe	New York City	KO 3
Oct.	Bernard Porter	Atlantic City	W 4
Nov. 2	Richie Garland	New York City	W 4
Nov. 30	Tony Hedgemon	New York	W 4

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 2	Carlos Espada	Albany	KO 1
Mar. 14	Melvin Boynton	Westchester	W 4
May 23	Benito Jiminez	Westchester	W 4
June 20	Dionisio Ramos Benitez	Westchester	W 6
July 16	Glen Guy	New York	KO 5
Sept. 12	Mike Thomas	Westchester	KO 3
Oct. 18	Lloyd Jones	Philadelphia	KO 2
Dec. 29	Al Smith	Charleston	KO 1

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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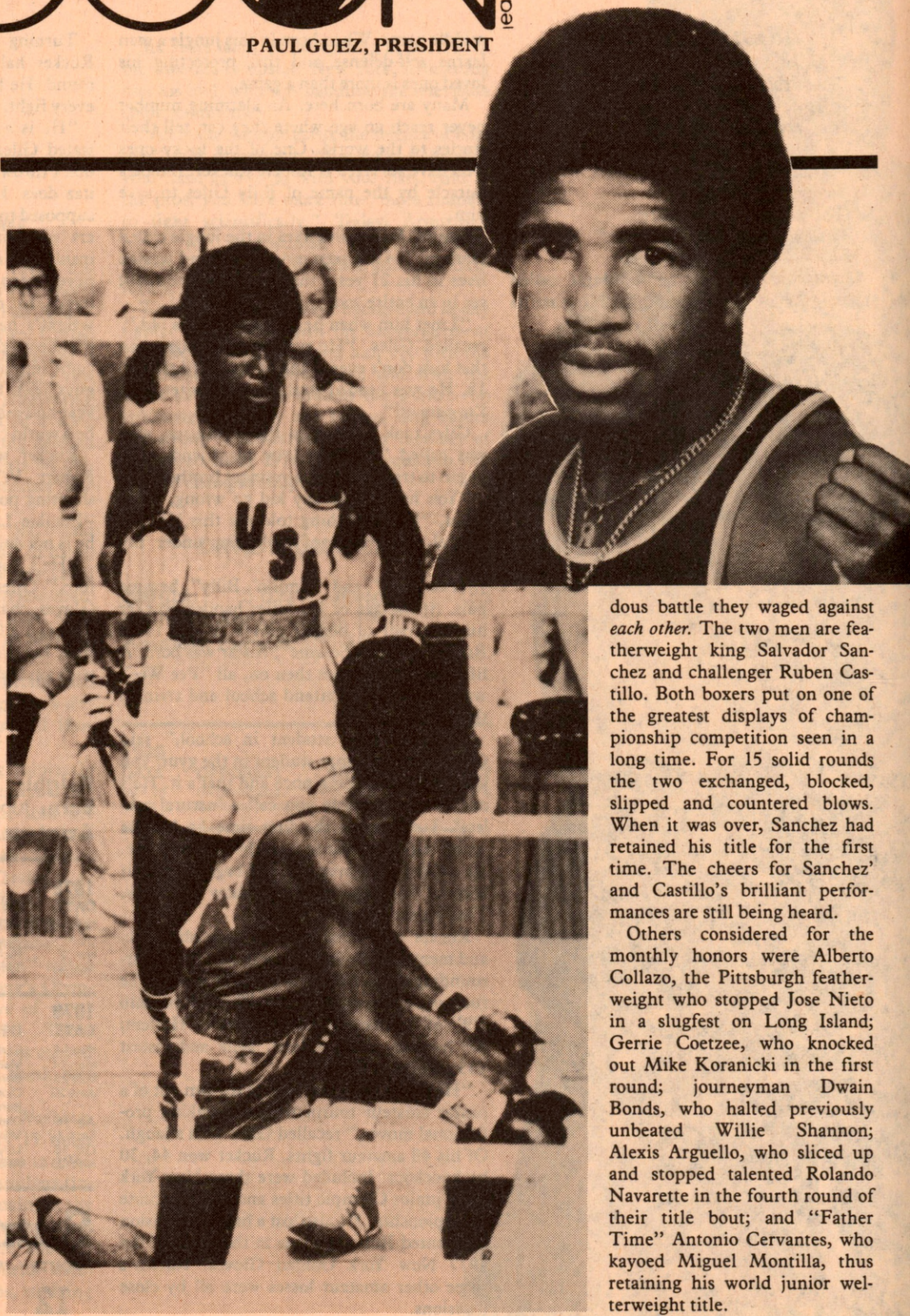
RANDOLPH



OOH 'LA LA . . . WHAT A fight! And what a performance by Leo Randolph! Bleeding steadily from the nose for most of the fight, down and badly hurt in round five, Leo "The Lion-hearted" roared back with a two-fisted, non-stop assault, finally halting Colombia's Ricardo Cardona in the 15th round to win the WBA junior featherweight title. The brilliant performance and championship heart displayed by Randolph earns him *The Ring*s "Fighter of the Month" award, an honor that carries with it not only the prestige, but a one-year's supply of Sasson Jeans.

Randolph, a member of the United States' "Gold Medal Gang" of the 1976 Montreal Olympics, took nearly two years off following his victory in the flyweight division at the Olympic Games before turning pro, saying, "I've had enough of boxing for awhile. I need a rest." Rest he did. He also attended special courses to learn how to operate large trucks, something that had always fascinated him. Finally, in June 1978, Randolph turned professional. He fought his way up in the bantamweight ratings, losing only to talented David Capo on a controversial split decisio in April of 1979.

The title victory upped Randolph's record to 19-1, making him the first American-born holder of any title below the featherweight division since Harold Dade won the bantamweight title in 1947.

In a bit of an oddity, there were two runner-ups for "Fighter of the Month" honors. The oddity is, both fighters earned the honor for the tremendous battle they waged against *each other.* The two men are featherweight king Salvador Sanchez and challenger Ruben Castillo. Both boxers put on one of the greatest displays of championship competition seen in a long time. For 15 solid rounds the two exchanged, blocked, slipped and countered blows. When it was over, Sanchez had retained his title for the first time. The cheers for Sanchez' and Castillo's brilliant performances are still being heard.

Others considered for the monthly honors were Alberto Collazo, the Pittsburgh featherweight who stopped Jose Nieto in a slugfest on Long Island; Gerrie Coetzee, who knocked out Mike Koranicki in the first round; journeyman Dwain Bonds, who halted previously unbeated Willie Shannon; Alexis Arguello, who sliced up and stopped talented Rolando Navarette in the fourth round of their title bout; and "Father Time" Antonio Cervantes, who kayoed Miguel Montilla, thus retaining his world junior welterweight title.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

This is but the third month of *The Ring*'s International Ratings, and although all the returns are not in from upstate, the results are highly edifying.

When we originally formulated the International Panel, with the assistance and underwriting of our sponsor, Budweiser, we were more than faintly aware of the redolent aroma the word "Ratings" had among boxing's cognescenti. They had been disparaged, maligned and, in general, were thought to make the same contribution to boxing as surf boarding does to the economy of the State of Arizona. Nothing.

But, as soon as the panelists were selected and word began to spread of *Ring*'s formation of the International Panel of 50 experts from around the world, writers and authorities began to sit up and take note. One such authority, *The South African Boxing World*, wrote: "The decision to establish *The Ring*'s International Boxing Panel is a master stroke, and the magazine's ratings should soon regain much of the credibility lost in recent years."

Others soon began, to use an old saw, to jump on the bandwagon. Neil Pilsen, the CBS vice president for business affairs, said in the New York *Times* that his network, like representatives of the other two networks, were unhappy with the WBC and WBA ratings of contenders and that CBS would "first turn to *Ring* Magazine" for their ratings.

And an article which ran in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* said, "Rankings of boxers have always been controversial, but lately there has been more scoffing about the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council listings than usual.

"In contrast to this skepticism, there has been a resurgence of faith in the integrity of *Ring* magazine's ratings."

The article went on to state that the reason for the "resurgence" was "the creation of an International panel of boxing writers and experts to select the magazine's top 10," and that "Promoters and TV network officials who deal with boxing both praised the *Ring* rankings, and said they may be the most believable."

Not only do we firmly believe our ratings—and Ratings Panel—to be the *only* way to rank fighters, but it is nice to know that our efforts have been acknowledged. And appreciated.

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Archie Moore, San Diego
2. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Don Cockell, England
4. Nino Valdes, Cuba
5. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
6. Johnny Holman, Chicago, Ill.
7. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
8. Earl Walls, Canada
9. Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
10. Heinz Neuhaus, Germany

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
James Carter, New York, N.Y.
1. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans
2. Duilio Loi, Italy
3. Frankie Ryff, New York
4. Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
5. Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
6. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland
7. Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn
8. Richie Howard, Canada
9. Serafin Ferrer, France
10. Joe Lopes, Sacramento, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
4. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, BWI.
5. Willi Hoepner, Germany
6. Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N.Y.
7. Randy Turpin, England
8. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
9. Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.
10. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Percy Bassett, Philadelphia
2. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
3. Ray Famechon, France
4. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
5. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
6. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn
7. Lulu Perez, Brooklyn
8. Billy Kelly, Ireland
9. Rudy Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.
10. Orlando Echevarria, Cuba

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu
1. Joey Giardello, Philadelphia
2. Charley Humez, France
3. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland
4. Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.
5. Gustav Scholz, Germany
6. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
7. Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.
8. Gil Turner, Philadelphia
9. Ronnie Delaney, Akron O
10. Hans Stretz, Germany

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Raton Macias, Mexico
2. Mario D'Agata, Italy
3. Willie Toweel, South Africa
4. Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
5. Andre Valignat, France
6. Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
7. Hilaire Pratesi, France
8. Bobby Sinn, Australia
9. Peter Keenan, Scotland
10. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Tony DeMarco, Boston
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse
2. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn
3. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles
4. Vince Martinez, Paterson,
5. Maurice Harper, Oakland
6. Virgil Akins, St. Louis
7. Hector Constance, Trinidad, BWI.
8. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
9. Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn.
10. Kid Gavilan, Cuba

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Dai Dower, Wales
2. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
3. Yoshio Shirai, Japan
4. Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy
5. Jake Tuli, South Africa
6. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
7. Tanny Campo, Philippines
8. Oscar Suarez, Cuba
9. Danny Kid, Philippines
10. Keeny Teran, San Jose, Cal.

From the July, 1955 issue of The Ring

GENUINE

Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

(AS OF MAY 10, 1980)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 Mike Weaver* . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
2 John Tate . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
3 Gerrie Coetzee . . . . . South Africa
4 Michael Dokes . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 Gerry Cooney . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
6 Bernardo Mercado . . . . . Colombia
Leon Spinks . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
8 Leroy Jones . . . . . Denver, Colo.
9 Ossie Ocasio, ... Puerto Rico.
10 Scott LeDoux . . . . . Minneapolis, Minn.

11. Earnie Shavers, 12. Jimmy Young, 13. Muhammad Ali, 14. Eddie Lopez, 15. Greg Page, 16. Jimmy Abbott, 17.George Chaplin, 18. John L. Gardner, 19. Randy Mack

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD Philadelphia, Pa.**
1 Eddie Gregory* . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 James Scott . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
3 Marvin Johnson . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
4 Lotte Mwale . . . . . Zambia
5 Michael Spinks . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
6 Marvin Camel . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
7 Victor Galindez . . . . . Argentina
8 Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez . . . . . Stockton, Cal.
9 John Conteh . . . . . England
10 Jerry Martin . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Mustapha Wasajja, 12. Mike Rossman, 13. Mate Parlov, 14. Carlos DeLeon, 15. Richie Kates, 16. Pablo Ramos, 17. Hocine Tafer

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ALAN MINTER . . . . . England
1 Marvin Hagler . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
2 Vito Antuofermo . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 Ronnie Harris . . . . . Akron, Ohio
4 Curtis Parker . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
5 Fulgencio Obel . . . . . Venezuela
6 Marcos Geraldo . . . . . Mexico
7 Mustafa Hamsho . . . . . Syria
8 Dwight Davison . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9 Kevin Finnegan . . . . . England
10 Wilford Scypion . . . . . Port Arthur, Tex.

11. Ray Seales, 12. Tony Sibson, 13. Mike Colbert, 14. Vinnie Curto, 15. David Love, 16. Loucif Hamani, 17. Norberto Cabrera

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

AYUB KALULE* . . . . . Uganda
1 Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
2 Rocky Mattioli . . . . . Australia
3 Tony Chiaverini . . . . . Kansas City, Mo.
4 Masashi Kudo . . . . . Japan
5 Kenny Bristol . . . . . Guyana
6 Nick Ortiz . . . . . Puerto Rico
7 Steve Delgado . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 Manuel R. Gonzalez . . . . . Argentina
9 Tyrone Rackley . . . . . Phoenix, Ariz
10 Rocky Mosley, Jr. . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Zeferino Gonzalez, 12. Marijan Benes, 13. Carlos Herrera, 14. Tadashi Mihara, 15. Sandy Torres, 16. Hoo Joo, 17. Walter Gomez, 18. Andoni Amana,

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.**
1 Jose (Pipino) Cuevas* . . . . . Mexico
2 Roberto Duran . . . . . Panama
3 Wilfred Benitez . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 Thomas Hearns . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 Pete Ranzany . . . . . Sacramento, Cal.
6 Jorgen Hansen . . . . . Denmark
7 Randy Shields . . . . . N. Hollywood, Cal.
8 Adolfo Viruet . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
9 Harold Weston . . . . . New York, N.Y.
10 Josef Nsubuga . . . . . Uganda

11. Larry Bonds, 12. Dave Green, 13. Harold Volbrecht, 14. Akio Kameda, 15. Tito Yanni, 16. Clint Jackson, 17. Johnny Turner, 18. Manuel Jimenez

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* . . . . . Colombia
1 Saoul Mamby** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 Esteban DeJesus . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 Joe Kimpuani . . . . . Zaire
4 Sang-Hyun Kim . . . . . Korea
5 Miguel Montilla . . . . . Dominican Rep.
6 Lennox Blackmoore . . . . . Guyana
7 Bruce Curry . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
8 Juan Jose Gimenez . . . . . Spain
9 Teo Ozuna . . . . . Dominican Republic
10 Willie Rodriguez . . . . . Allentown, Pa.

11. Monroe Brooks, 12. Roberto Alfaro, 13. Hugo Luero, 14. Sammy Ayala, 15. Obisia Nwakpa, 16. Jeff Malcolm, 17. Sang Mo Koo

How *The Ring* International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all five major continents have submitted their ballots — marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under *The Ring*'s champion — to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of May 1, 1980. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. In some instances there are ties, as indicated by the two-way tie for sixth place in the light heavyweight division. After the top ten were tabulated those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing).

***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 Hilmer Kenty* . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 Jim Watt** . . . . . Scotland
3 Howard Davis . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 Aaron Pryor . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5 Ernesto Espana . . . . . Venezuela
6 Vilomar Fernandez . . . . . Dominican Rep.
7 Claude Noel . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
8 Johnny Lira . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
9 Edwin Viruet . . . . . Puerto Rico
10 Sean O'Grady . . . . . Oklahoma City, Okla

11. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 12. Julio (Diablito) Valdez, 13. 14. Leonidas Asprilla, Herman Montes, 15.Charlie Nash, Andrew Ganigan, 16. Gonzallo Montellano, 17. Andrew Ganigan, 18. Cornelius Boza-Edwards.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 Alexis Arguello** . . . . . Nicaragua
2 Bobby Chacon . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
3 Frankie Baltazar . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
4 Rafael (Bazooka) Limon . . . . . Mexico
5 Victor Echegaray . . . . . Argentina
6 Roberto Elizondo . . . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
7 Oscar Arnal . . . . . Venezuela
8 Idelfonso Bethelmy . . . . . Venezuela
9 Greg Coverson . . . . . Columbus, Ohio
10 Rodolfo Sanchez . . . . . Spain

11. Ryu Fukida, 12. Ruben Riani, 13. Julio (Diablito) Valdez, 14. Pat Ford, 15. Johnny Aba, 16. Rolando Navarette, 17. Arturo Leon, 18. Carlos Hernandez.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ . . . . . Mexico**
1 Danny Lopez . . . . . Alhambra, Calif.
2 Eusebio Pedroza* . . . . . Panama
3 Ruben Castillo . . . . . Bakersfield, Cal.
4 Mike Ayala . . . . . San Antonio, Texas
5 Rocky Lockridge . . . . . Newark, N.J.
6 Juan Malvarez . . . . . Argentina
7 Roberto Castanon . . . . . Spain
8 Eddie Ndukwu . . . . . Nigeria
9 Rolando Navarette . . . . . Philippines
10 Juan LaPorte . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Carmelo Negron, 12. Wilfredo Gomez, 13. Juan Escobar, 14. Paul Ferreri, 15. Guillermo Morales, 16. Gerald Hayes, 17. Pat Ford

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ . . . . . Puerto Rico**
1 Leo Randolph* . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.
2 Ricardo Cardona . . . . . Colombia
3 Leo Cruz . . . . . Dominican Rep.
4 Sergio Palma . . . . . Argentina
5 Nicky Perez . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
6 Juan (Kid) Meza . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
7 Soon-Hyun Chung . . . . . Korea
8 Jose Caba . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 Jose Cervantes . . . . . Colombia
10 Nestor (Baba) Jimenez . . . . . Colombia

11. Derrick Holmes, 12. Frankie Duarte, 13. Ruben Valdez, 14. Carlos Mendoza, 15. Shuchi Isogami, 16. Ric Diamale, 17. Javier Flores,

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* . . . . . Panama
1 Lupe Pintor** . . . . . Mexico
2 Alberto Davila . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
3 Jeff Chandler . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 Roberto Rubaldino . . . . . Mexico
5 Carlos Zarate . . . . . Mexico
6 Julian Solis . . . . . Puerto Rico
7 Oscar Muniz . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
8 Alberto Sandoval . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
9 Johnny Owen . . . . . Wales
10 Rafael Orono . . . . . Japan

11. Julio Saba, 12. Johnny Carter, 13. Juan Alvarez, 14. Juan Rodriguez, 15. Ricardo Bennett, 16. Netrnoi Vorasingh, 17. Eijira Murata

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

CHAN-HEE PARK . . . . . Korea**
1 Yoko Gushiken . . . . . Japan
2 Tae-Shik Kim* . . . . . South Korea
3 Guty Espadas . . . . . Mexico
4 Luis Ibarra . . . . . Panama
5 Betulio Gonzalez . . . . . Venezuela
6 Charlie Magri . . . . . England
7 Martin Vargas . . . . . Chile
8 Sung-Jun Kim . . . . . Korea
9 Hilario Zapata . . . . . Panama
Joey Olivo . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.

10. Shigeo Nakajima, 11. Antonio Avelar, 12. Rey Melendez, 13. Shoji Oguma, 14. Willie Jensen, 15. Jovito Rengifo, 16. Jose Gallegos

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RANDOLPH-CARDONA
WBA Junior Featherweight Title

SEATTLE, WASH. — Former Olympic gold medal winner Leo Randolph had to get off the canvas in the fifth round, but he came back to batter champion Ricardo Cardona of Colombia into submission in heroic fashion and win the World Boxing Association junior featherweight title in the 15th round.

Randolph, from nearby Tacoma, became the third 1976 U.S. Olympic gold medalist to capture a world championship. After his victory in Montreal, he waited two years before finding the motivation to join the pro ranks. Randolph was considered an underdog against the more experienced champion from from Colombia. In two years, Leo had had only 17 pro bouts, winning 16.

"I had never seen him fight before," the 22-year-old Randolph said, after his stunning victory, "but that's how it was when I fought in international competition as an amateur. I was in excellent condition for this fight and was able to adjust to his style. It was my plan to bring the fight to him and force him to go on the defensive. After two rounds, I knew it was working."

Cardona, who was making his fifth title defense, ran into an unexpected delay enroute to Seattle. Custom officials in Puerto Rico detained him for two and a half days, citing a lack of proper proof of Colombian citizenship. The champion's braintrust took the fight confident of victory, hoping to cash in on the lucrative U.S. TV market, as other world champions from South America have. Following the snafu in Puerto Rico, Cardona's

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manager considered pulling out of the fight, but decided against it.

The 26-year-old champion weighed in at 121½, while Randolph came in a quarter pound below the 122-pound limit.

There was little probing by the fighters in the opening frame. Cardona, taller by three inches, tried to use his exceptionally long reach to keep the challenger at bay. But Randolph has a deceptively quick jab and smart, aggressive footwork. The challenger repeatedly stabbed his left into the champion's face.

By the third, Cardona began to show signs of wear. His legs took a wider stance, seeking support. At times, he lunged with his punches. Other times he threw them smoothly. Later, his manager blamed his condition upon their delay in Puerto Rico.

In the fifth, Randolph was taking a step back when Cardona moved in with a straight right hand. It whistled over Randolph's low left and smacked against his jaw. The challenger sagged and tilted backwards, finally hitting the canvas with the back of his trunks.

"There was never any doubt I would get back up," Randolph said. "It was just a matter of moving. I went back to my jab, which is really my best punch. I knew I would be all right. I knew then I was going to win it."

From the eighth round on, Randolph began to take command. He was very determined, and never gave up his attack against Cardona. At times, the champion caught Randolph coming in with right uppercuts, and occasionally tagged him with lefts to the face. But Randolph simply outboxed and outhustled Cardona. He beat him to the punch, and had the better defensive moves.

In the 13th, Cardona was knocked against the ropes by a straight left. He slid away, pawing his left out without conviction.

In the 15th, Randolph trapped the champion against the ropes and delivered almost a minute's worth of unanswered punches. Referee Larry Rozadilla separated the fighters. Randolph took a few steps back; Cardona stayed against the ropes. Randolph walked back in and again began pounding Cardona's face. At 1:31 of the round, the referee pulled Randolph off, declaring him the new champion.

The small crowd broke into a jubilant chant, shouting the new champion's first name. Cardona went to his corner and collapsed. After seven minutes of receiving medical attention, the former champion was placed back on his stool. Later, he was taken to Seattle General Hospital, apparently suffering from exhaustion.

"He put up a great fight," said Randolph of the deposed champion, "but I wanted the title very badly. I might go after the bantamweight title, 'cause I could make that weight. But right now I just want to celebrate and be with my family. You know, world champion — that's a big thing!"

Davey Armstrong, Puyallup, TKO'd Edmundo Arrellano, Mexico City, in the first round, lightweights. J.B. Williamson, Santa Monica, Calif., TKO'd Lander Clark, Seattle, in the sixth round, middleweights. Monroe Brooks, Inglewood, Calif., won a split decision over Rafael Nunez, Mexicali, Mexico, eight, junior welters. Jeff McCracken, Sandpoint, Idaho, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Richard Abbott, Los Angeles, six, middleweights. Al Neumann, Auburn, Wash., TKO'd Perscell Davis, Santa Monica, Calif., in the seventh, heavies. Paid attendance — 1,109. Gross — $11,166.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

DOKES-OCASIO

SAN JUAN, P.R. — Osvaldo (Ossie) Ocasio surprised by holding favored Michael Dokes to a disputed draw in 10 rounds.

The bout, promoted by Don King and televised by ABC, was to be the turning point for both men. For Ocasio, a loss would have sent him on the road to oblivion.

For the undefeated Dokes, it was to be his first test against top notch opposition. A convincing win on national television would put him in position for a title bout.

Going into the 10th round, it looked as if Dokes had the decision sewed up. The ever aggressive but wild swinging Ocasio had taken an early lead and looked like an easy winner. Dokes appeared disconcerted and could not get started through the first four rounds. His usually effective jabs were falling short of the mark, while Ocasio was countering effectively with looping hooks. It looked as if the lack of ventilation in the enclosed arena coupled with the blazing afternoon sun were taking their toll on Dokes.

But Dokes proved to be made of "finer stuff." He took command in the following rounds, and, except for sporadic but hefty swings, Ocasio seemed to be heading for a sure loss. Dokes, on the other hand, was scoring well with his sharp left against his bobbing and weaving opponent.

The heat may have taken its toll on Dokes by the latter part of the nintth round, as Ocasio took command with swings that Dokes could not avoid.

The draw decision, not too well received by the partisan crowd, was arrived at as follows: Judge Francisco Manzano scored 97-96, Ocasio; judge Angel Luis Guzman had it 97-96, Dokes; and referee Roberto Ramirez saw it as a draw, 96-96.

Larry Bonds, Denver, Colorado, TKO'd Costello King, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round middleweight contest refereed by Wiso Fernandez.

Domingo Ayala, Puerto Rico, outscored Obisia Nwampla, Nigeria, eight.

Favored southpaw, Jose A. Issac kayoed Rey escalera at 2:47 of the fourth round with a right to the jaw, middleweights.

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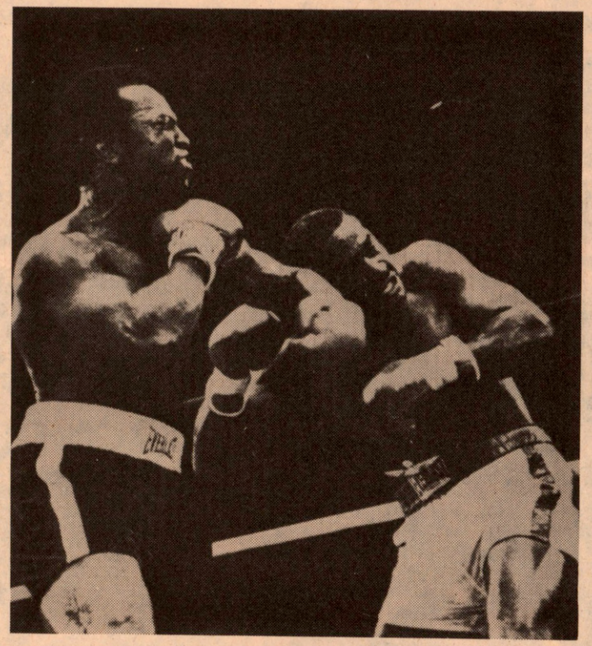
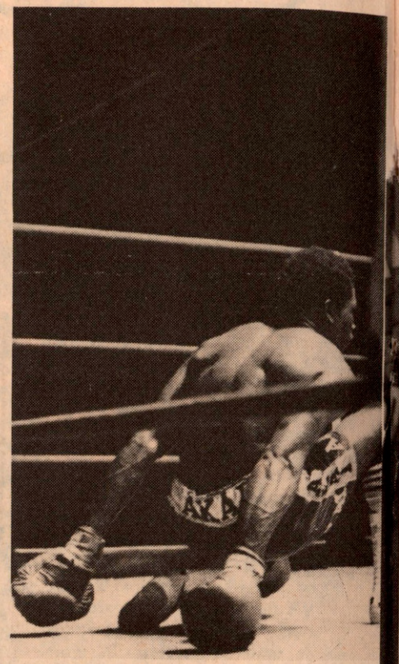
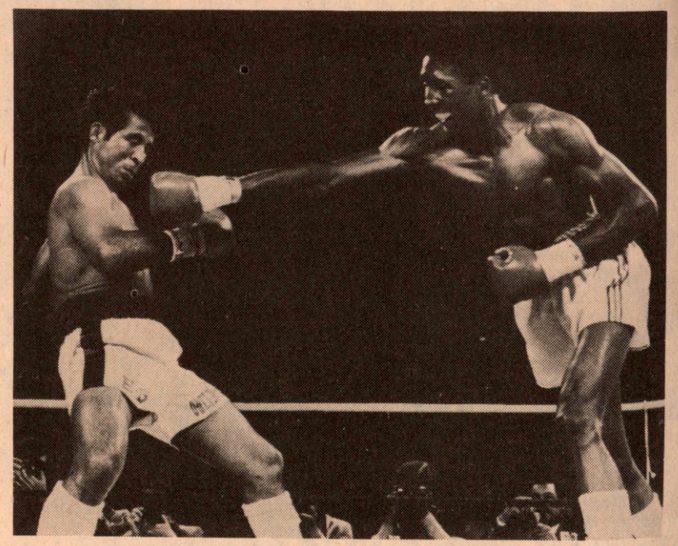


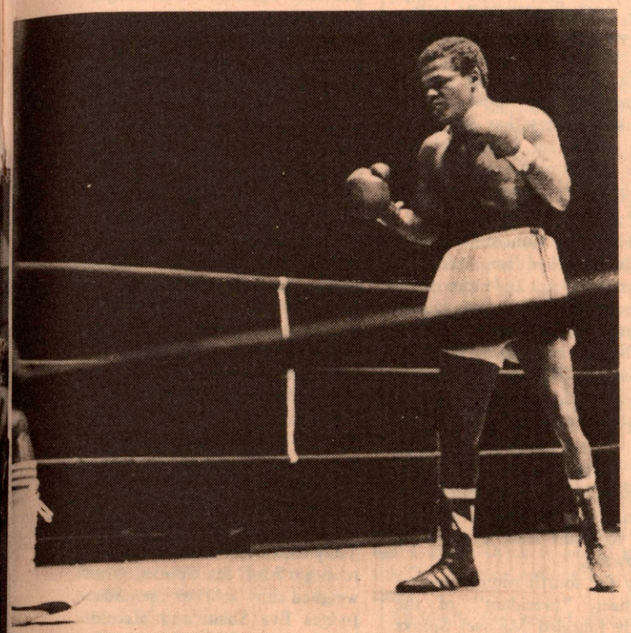


(Right) Kalule on the canvas! The great Ugandan went down from an Emiliano Villa body punch that caught him off balance in their title bout in Copenhagen, Denmark. Ayub stopped his man after 11.

(Above) Michael Dokes lands a left to the jaw of Ossie "Jaws" Ocasio in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The bout was called a draw. (Right) Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns kayoes former world junior middleweight champion Eddie Gazo in the first round in Detroit.



(Right) Challenger Ruben Castillo lands a left to the chin of Salvador Sanchez in their featherweight title bout in Tucson. Sanchez won unanimous decision.



L. SPINKS-ISAAC

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. — A few years ago, Leon Spinks was given the royal build-up. With an Olympic medal to his credit, Spinks began his pro career in high style, with TV exposure and big purses. in his eighth bout, he upset Muhammad Ali for the world title. In his ninth bout, he became a former champion. Now he's on the comeback. Thoroughly improbable, just like the rest of his career, Spinks is now backed by CBS-TV and promoter Don King despite having won only two of his last five bouts.

The latest bit of the Spinks-media-build-up took place at the Circle Star Theater, as the former heavyweight champion faced little known Kevin Isaac in a nationally televised bout. A series of left hooks by Spinks dropped Isaac midway in the eighth round, and Leon was credited with a knockout win at 1:40 of the round.

Isaac was a carefully chosen opponent. With a mediocre record of 12-6-2, inactive for a full year, with only a light punch, and obviously near-sighted, Isaac was given almost no chance of winning, which is the way the network and the promoter wanted it. Isaac's strategy was icing on the cake: he laid against the ropes attempting to counter punch rather than use his boxing skills in the center of the ring. Occasionally, he would land crisp shots to Spinks's enormous face. Twice, Spinks backed off after getting tagged.

In the eighth, Spinks delivered a barrage of unanswered punches, mostly left hooks, and Isaac fell down, grasping at the ropes. Referee Rudy Ortega looked into the eyes of the Brooklyn fighter and halted the contest. Spinks' record is now an unspectacular 9-2-2. And so the comeback continues.

"I'm happy with the way the fight went," Spinks said after the bout. "I know I had to work hard to get the knockout, but that's cause he's a good fighter. He hurt me with some good shots. I wanted to stay on top of him. I might have to fight Ali again. I think he will beat Holmes. I don't want to fight him; he was my hero. But I will if I have to."

When the fight was stopped, all three cards had Spinks in front: 69-64, 69-64, and 69-64 with Isaac winning but one round. Spinks received $100,000 and Isaac got $20,000, the biggest check of his seven year career.

Sitting at ringside was Larry Holmes and his manager, Richie Giachetti. "Spinks might give me trouble," Holmes answered the obvious question, "because he's busy and he comes in low. But I can adapt to any style and I don't give it more than seven, eight rounds. I don't get started until five rounds."

Holmes, said manager Giachetti, was present to look at Spinks, and to let the people look at him. "He's never been in this area before," Giachetti added. "And Spinks is a potential opponent after Muhammad Ali."

That Spinks, who could only manage a draw with Eddie Lopez and Scott LeDoux, is on the verge of a world title shot is cause for much wonderment. Can the heavyweight ranks be so thin on talent? Would Tate and Weaver and Jones and Dokes have been world-beaters 10, 20 years ago? Where are the ghosts of Eddie Machen and Zora Folley? Even Nino Valdes would do.

In a 10-round co-feature, Stan Ward of Sacramento knocked out Jim "Beam" Ingram with one minute left in the tenth round. Ward, 227, dominated Ingram, 198, Los Angeles, in every round. Ward retained his California state title.

In a 10-round middleweight bout, Ralph Moncrief of Cleveland scored a unanimous decision over Leroy Green of Las Vegas. There were no knockdowns.

A live crowd of 1,722 paid to see the three 10-rounders. The show was promoted by Don King and local promoter Joe Gagliardi.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

M. SPINKS-SUTHERLAND

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y.—Michael Spinks, the lesser known of the Gold Medal Spinks brothers, has started to gain on brother Leon, with his 12th consecutive victory—moving him ever closer to a shot at the Light Heavyweight title.

At the Concord Hotel, Michael looked impressive in pounding out a unanimous 10-round decision over little known Murray Sutherland—in spite of his No. 10 ranking by both the WBA and WBC.

In the first two rounds, which went to Sutherland on most score cards, Spinks seemed to be just "feeling" his opponent out. Sutherland, 174½, came out strong with his head, elbows, and forearms leading—his fists following.

By the fourth round, brother Michael, "president" of the newly founded Michael Spinks Enterprises, found his superb jab, started moving and began to punish Sutherland with a very effective body barrage.

The fifth and sixth rounds were probably "president" Michael's best rounds overall, in which his improved body attack started to show affect. In both rounds, Sutherland, Scotish by birth, was hurt several times with strong jabs and devastating hooks to the body. Here, a more experienced Spinks could have put the game Sutherland away. Later, Spinks would say, "It was a 10-round fight I needed"—maybe so—this writer thinks not. Because, letting Sutherland off the hook seemed to set the stage for a good comeback seventh round for the Canadian (by nationality), which most likely brought a sign of relief from promoter Butch Lewis, who had some trouble getting Network backing due to the caliber of the well travelled Sutherland.

However, in the eighth round, which reflected more of the ever present Spinks body attack, there was one added attraction—a right hand lead, now gaining recognition as the Spinks Jinx. At this point, with tender redness evident around Sutherland's ribcage and fatigue in his eyes — it finally came — the "Spinks Jinx"—a sharp right to the temple. Following a delayed reaction, Sutherland bounced off the ropes a couple of times, rolled his head and fell straight to the canvas. Hereby, referee Tony Perez completed the mandatory eight count. Sutherland rose slowly and only by means of his superb conditioning—weathered the storm.

The final two rounds were all Spinks, but Sutherland somehow found his legs and managed to last through the final bell.

The official scoring of the fight went as follows. Referee Tony Perez scored the fight (by rounds) 7-2-1 for Spinks, who weighed in at 179 pounds. Judges Eva Shain and Harold Lederman had it 9-1 and 7-3 respectively—also in favor of Spinks. This writer scored the fight 7-2-1, again for Spinks.

JACK GOODMAN

PARKER-COLBERT
USBA Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The fact that scoring a boxing match is a subjective art at best, was clearly illustrated when undefeated Curtis Parker retained his United States Boxing Association belt with a unanimous, yet disputable, 12-round decision over Mike Colbert at Resorts International Hotel Casino.

"If you give credit for the first 10 rounds, I should have won this fight," complained a despondent Colbert following his nationally televised loss.

All three scoring officials felt that Parker had won with plenty to spare, a margin that Parker himself would later question. Referee Larry Hazzard and judge Ernie Durango voted 7-3-2 and 9-2-1, respectively, while

judge Milo Savage came up with a strange 5-2-5, also for Curtis. Both Durango and Savage are retired middleweights, contenders from the old school, when a fighter came to fight.

A poll of nine ringside reporters, however, found seven believing that Colbert had won, while the remaining two called it a draw.

From an action point of view, the bout was a stinker. There were no knockdowns, few punches of any consequence, and exchanges were nonexistent.

Colbert, who recently lasted the distance with Tommy Hearns and once gave Marvin Hagler fits until folding in the 12th, knew that to trade with Parker would be suicidal. Instead, he employed an intelligent battle plan, constantly moving laterally, first to the left and then to the right. This confused the Philadelphian, throwing his attack off stride with every switch of direction.

Every time Parker got close enough to accomplish any mischief, Colbert would tie him up. Not a very macho tactic, but a successful one, never-the-less. Mike more than lived up to his reputation as a spoiler.

"It's stupid to get hit more than you have to," said Colbert. "Boxing is the art of self defense. Curtis is a strong inside fighter. Fight his fight, you lose. I had to make him do what I wanted."

There are those who would say that, if Parker had not chased Colbert all afternoon, there would have been no fight. There is definitely something to be said for both points of view.

"He never hit me hard, but I never nailed him, either," admitted Parker. "He frustrated me, running and grabbing all the time. He wasn't doing much fighting, and I couldn't."

Colbert, like Parker an even 159, flicked out his left jab often enough to carry most of the early sessions. He also slapped home some quick combos as Curtis rushed in.

Mike's overall ring generalship controlled most of the action and often made Parker appear amateurish. He fell through the ropes after missing a wild swing in the second and slipped to the canvas several other times in over anxious attempts to corner his elusive adversary.

Hard body shots hurt Colbert on a couple of occasions, but it was not until the last two rounds that Parker really dominated. Colbert was tired by then and looked like a guy who had been told that all he had to do to win was stay on his feet.

"I learned a great deal," said Parker. "I never fought a man like that, so the experience was good."

Colbert's manager, Mike Morton, was incensed: "How they gave this guy the win I really don't know. I know it's politics, but I didn't think it would go this far, being on national television."

All-in-all, the heated discussions after the fight were much more entertaining than the match itself. If Parker is to continue as a TV attraction, he will have to re-establish his killer image. Against the cool-boxing Colbert, he looked more like a tempest in a teapot.

The win lifted Parker's record to 17-0, with 14 victories via the quick route. He is still young enough, 21, to learn how to cut the ring off and bring down the runners.

Colbert, Portland, Oregon, slipped to 26-5-1, with only seven stoppages. He probably would have won this one at home, and is still good enough at his trade to make anyone look bad.

Parker suffered a slight nick on his left eyebrow and Colbert received a minor scrape on the left cheekbone. It was certainly not the sort of rumble that will be remembered for punishment given or received.

Ernie Singletary, 162½, Philadelphia, Pa., won unanimous decision over Bob Patterson, Paterson, N.J., eight. Victor Pappa, 140½, kayoed Alseneo Green, 138½, Allentown, Pa., at 1:54 of the third in a scheduled eight. Ken Carpenter, 127½, kayoed Confeser Rosales, 133, Warminster, Pa., at 1:35 of the fifth in a scheduled six. Fred McMunn, 158½, TKO'd Bob Rooney, 156, at 1:54 of the first. Both boxers from Philadelphia.

John Fitzpatrick refereed Carpenter-Rosales, Pappa-Green, and McMunn-Rooney. Hazzard handled Singletary-Patterson and the main event.

The card, packaged for NBC-TV by Russ Peltz, was moved from Resorts' Superstar Theatre due to a scheduling mixup and squeezed into the hotel's tiny Rutland Room. This resulted in a small capacity crowd of about 400.

NIGEL COLLINS

KALULE-VILLA
World Junior
Middleweight Title

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK — Close to 6,000 fans saw Uganda's Ayub Kalule make his second successful defense of his world junior middleweight crown when his opponent, fellow southpaw Emiliano Villa of Colombia, wasn't allowed out for the 12th round of their scheduled 15-round title bout at Brondbyhallen Stadium.

This was to have been a voluntary defense for the Danish- based Kalule, as Villa was rated only fourth by the WBA. But, when the WBA championship committee met, before the fight, to decide upon the next official challenger, it was found that none of those rated above Villa was interested in meeting the Ugandan. Therefore, it was decided to regard the fight as a "mandatory"—thus giving Kalule more time before his next mandatory defense.

The Colombian had looked very ordinary in the gym while here in Denmark, but he certainly gave it all he had at fight time. He went right after the champion, and did well indeed for a couple of rounds with some dangerous looking body punches. Kalule, 153½, preferred to take things a bit easy at the start; it's customary for him. Even when Villa, 150½, had him under some pressure, you knew that the Ugandan had everything under control and was just biding his time.

Sure enough, after the first three or four rounds, Kalule gradually took over, making good use of his long jab, which found the challenger's face more and more often. Villa was still in the fight, however, and continued to attack with heavy swings and hooks. The champ took most of them on his arms—or elegantly swayed away.

In the eighth round, Ayub really took command, scoring frequently with straight lefts and right hooks. The challenger never looked in danger of going down, but Kalule's superiority seemed to increase with each round. In the interval before the 12th, Villa's corner signalled to the referee that their man, with badly swollen lips and cuts over both eyes, had had enough.

Villa was a dejected loser, but he came to fight and took his chance. He didn't try to just last the distance, as the majority of Kalule's opponents do. No one in the weight class seems to have a chance against the clever, masterful Ugandan.

FINN GOMMESEN

HANSEN-SINGLETON
EBU Welterweight Title

Denmark's Jorgen Hansen, 146¼, retained his European welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Briton Joey Singleton, 146, 12. This was on the undercard of the Kalule-Villa bout.

Some felt Singleton, 28, needed a miracle to dethrone the 37-year-old Hansen, and that the match should never have been made in the first place. Hansen, they thought, was bound to catch Singleton with that big punch that has taken out so many of his opponents. Joey didn't win, but the Briton was still there when the bell closed the final round.

It was Singleton the crowd cheered, and it was the champion, Hansen, who got the slow handclapping. Singleton was cut over the right eye in the third, his nose bled in round eight, and a cut appeared under his left eye

in the final heat. Hansen is a good champion, still beating the best at an age when most boxers have hung up their gloves. Singleton was a brave loser, and he did the British proud.

Mustapha Wasajja, 181¼, Uganda, outpointed Dennis Andries, 176¼, England, eight. Steve Muchoki, 114, Kenya, outscored Manuel Carrasco, 115, Spain, eight. Torben Andersen, 155¾, Denmark, decisioned Henry Rhiney, 155½, England, eight. Mike Irungu, 119, Kenya, outpointed Mariano Garcia, 112½, Spain, eight. Tony Britton, 157¼, England, stopped Poul Baekgaard, 159½, Denmark, two.

JACK A. TREE

HEARNS-GAZO

DETROIT, MICH.—HAS SUCCESS spoiled Thomas Hearns — at the box office? Only about 1,500 showed up to see him knock out Eddie Gazo in the first round at Detroit's Cobo Hall.

It was a pleasant spring afternoon in the Motor City, and the fight was on national television — along with the Kentucky Derby. There was still another reason for the small crowd: the young Detroit welterweight contender's local bouts are so one-sided, and end so quickly.

Fighters with world class reputations have come snarling into town, only to freeze in the ring before Thomas' cold stare.

Increasingly, the local press and TV have criticized these promotions. The media like the gentlemanly Hearns, and admire his skill, but they claim he is being fed a diet of ham-and-egg fighters.

The record book does not support their accusation. Going back to the "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell fight, Hearns has been in the ring with tough opponents. The brutal beating he gave clever middleweight Mike Colbert, who subsequently fought a close fight with Curtis Parker, is compelling evidence: the reason Hearns' fights are so one-sided is that, along with his reach advantage, he has extraordinary skill and awesome power.

The Gazo fight displayed vintage Hearns. He entered the ring with 149 pounds spread over his 6'1" frame. Weighing a couple of pounds over the welterweight limit, he was really loaded for the unlucky Nicaraguan.

Gazo stands 5'8" and entered the ring weighing 155 with a record of 44-4-2. He is also a former junior middleweight champion of the world.

Very early in the first round, Hearns landed a right hand that staggered Gazo. Tempted by Hearns' low left, Gazo then tried to crowd him, but he ran into a hurtful combination of lefts and rights that sent him to the canvas, and referee Bobby Watson administered the mandatory eight-count.

Hearns, giving a brief exhibition of his boxing skill, toyed with Gazo before another two-handed explosion knocked the former world champ through the ropes. The rout was over at 2:41 of the first round.

The 21-year-old Hearns now has a record of 28-0, but his post fight happiness was quickly dimmed when he was told his father had died. Death had come to him down south the day before, and the news had been kept from the young boxer.

Thomas Hearns continues to personify Detroit's urban renaissance. His appearances in the ring here have been "happenings," and victory-starved sports fans have packed the local arenas to cheer him on. His entrances have inspired emotional demonstrations that, like Ali's, reflect more than sports.

For his recent fights, the crowds have thinned, and the reason is simple: there aren't many boxers near his weight class who can last more than a few rounds with him. And the fans know it.

But, at this writing, there is talk that Pipino Cuevas is coming to town to risk his WBA title against Thomas. And if that happens, it will take Tiger Stadium to accommodate all those who will want to be there. Because, as the veteran Detroit fight expert Louie Marudas has said: Give Detroiters an attraction *"they'll come out in groves."*

DuJuan Johnson, Detroit, won unanimous decision over Marion Martinez, Nicaragua, 10, junior welters. Johnson is now 10-0.

Lindell Holmes, Detroit, TKO'd Willie Torres, Puerto Rico, at 1:53 of the sixth round, middleweights. Danny Paul, Detroit, knocked out Greg Thomas, Philadelphia, in 2:21 of the first, welterweight. Paul is now 12-1.

Willie Ray Taylor, Charlotte, N.C., TKO'd Nathaniel Akbar, Detroit, three. The previously undefeated Akbar was unable to continue when his handlers couldn't stop the flow of blood resulting from a butt in the first round. Akbar is now 8-1. Taylor is 11-3.

ALLEN ROSENFELD

GOMEZ-NDUKWU

SAN JUAN, P.R.—Wilfredo Gomez's scheduled 12-round WBC featherweight elimination bout with Nigeria's Eddie Ndukwu was marred by intermittent rain. But Gomez generated a lot of excitement with the artistic manner in which he outboxed and outhit his befuddled rival, who went out in the fourth round.

Ndukwu had promised to emulate the successes of two of his countrymen against Puerto Rican fighters in important bouts. He was referring to Dick Tiger's victory in the light heavyweight division over Jose (Chegui) Torres and featherweight Hogan (Kid) Bassey's defeat of Miguel Rosa Berrios in a featherweight elimination contest.

Ndukwu, however, could not cope with his heavy-fisted rival, and was dropped twice in the second round—the result of Gomez's powerful left hook-right cross combinations.

Gomez let up in the third. "I wanted to extend the fight as much as possible," he said. But Gomez went back into high gear in the fourth round with two knockdowns. He finished off his rival with a crushing left hook just above the kidney area, and referee Ray Solis stopped the bout.

The previously undefeated Nigerian's high position in the WBC featherweight ratings offers proof of Gomez's superiority in that weight class. Although he holds the super bantamweight title, Gomez has been gunning for a featherweight title bout for quite some time now. With this victory, he's now in line to face the winner of the up-and-coming Salvador Sanchez-Danny (Little Red) Lopez bout. "I hope Lopez takes Sanchez in their return match because there is more money in that match than with Sanchez," stated Gomez after knocking out Ndukwu.

And what are his immediate plans? "I am planning to marry college professor Aileen Schmidt—in June, then take the featherweight title, and hope to retire a year after that to dedicate myself towards aiding in the elimination of juvenile delinquency," stated Gomez.

ARGUELLO-NAVARETTE
WBC Junior Lightweight Title

Miami-based Nicaraguan was equally convincing in his WBC junior lightweight title defense against Rolando Navarette in the second half of the double bill in San Juan's Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Rolando held his own for a couple of rounds, but the stinging left jabs of Alexis took their toll, and referee Roberto Ramirez had to call a halt between the fourth and fifth rounds because of a badly lacerated right eye suffered by Rolando. Commission doctor Amoury Capella advised Ramirez to stop the bout. The Filipino challenger complained bitterly of being butted, but there was no question as to the marked superiority of the champion.

Although he had some difficulty in making the weight, Alexis was very methodical, very sharp, and very cool. He punched with great precision. He may not have the clever movements of Wilfredo Gomez, but he makes up for it with his superior reach. The two are just about equal in punching power.

And what's next for Alexis? "I'd like a bout with Samuel Serrano to unite the junior light-

weight title, and then I'd like to step up to the lightweights, thereby becoming a triple title holder." And there is very little doubt that he can sew up at least half of the lightweight crown.

Orlando Maldonado remained undefeated, winning a unanimous decision over Tito Roque, 10, flyweights. Manuel Jimenez TKO'd Jesus de la Rosa, Dominican Republic, at 2:39 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10- round junior welterweight bout. Jose Vidal kayoed Carmelo Franco, two, junior welters.

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

SANCHEZ-CASTILLO
World Featherweight Title

TUCSON, ARIZONA — World featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez held off a late round rally by challenger Ruben Castillo to retain his crown by unanimous decision in his first defense. The bout was held at the Civic Auditorium and was nationally televised.

Sanchez increased his record to 34-2-1. Sanchez shocked the experts by halting Danny Lopez and winning the title.

"I am not yet a well known fighter," Sanchez was quoted a few days before the bout. "But that will change. With a few more wins, and another victory over Danny Lopez, the people will see that I am a very good champion who will keep his title for years."

Sanchez's victory over Castillo was impressive and will no doubt add to his reputation. Those who had seen both fighters in the past gave Castillo, a loser in only one out of 46 contests, a good chance at upsetting the Mexican title-holder.

Both fighters came in at 126. Sanchez earned $110,000, while Castillo took in $35,000.

In the opening rounds, both fighters looked like they were expecting the fight to go 15 rounds. Castillo, from Bakersfield, circled to his left, jabbing, a few times leaping in with two or three-punch combinations. Sanchez, 24 years old, trailed after his challenger, usually hooking behind his left jab.

In the sixth, Sanchez opened a small cut near Castillo's right eye with a short left. A follow-up right snapped Castillo's head back.

In the eighth, both fighters exchanged punches in ring center, backed off, and, as Sanchez rushed in, he was rocked with a very pretty right hand lead.

Castillo dominated rounds nine, 10, and 11 with snappy combinations and quick footwork. Sanchez seemed to be wearing hiking boots. He dogged after his challenger, but failed to find the range with any effective punches. Many in the crowd of 4,600 began cheering Castillo on, and, for awhile, it appeared that Sanchez had fizzled out.

The champion came back strong in the 12th. Castillo was rocked by a sharp left that came in over his lowered right. They exchanged hooks along the ropes. A slashing right again opened the cut under Castillo's eye.

The challenger started the next round quickly and, for a minute, it seemed that Sanchez had again lost track of his strategy. Two quick jabs caught him flat-footed in ring center. Castillo moved back, trying to draw the champion in to him. The round ended with another furious exchange between the fighters.

In the 14th, the Mexican partisans began chanting the name of their country, hoping to inspire the champion on. Castillo fought like he had no rounds to give away, but Sanchez was strong and unloaded body shots.

In the final round, both fellows appeared spent, and went at their work a bit slower, less vicious. Sanchez caught Castillo coming in on three occasions with hooks. When the bell rang, both fighters embraced, then trudged to their corners.

Castillo took the loss graciously. "I honestly think I won it," he said, sipping from a can of soda. "Sanchez was tough but I feel I outboxed him. I know I hurt him a few times. If the officials saw it differently, then that's the way it goes. I'm young and I'll work my way back to another shot."

Sanchez is now set for a rematch with Danny Lopez. A diligent trainer, Sanchez lives off health foods and vitamin pills. He runs at least five miles every morning, even when not in training. He began boxing against his family's wishes, but his parents offer no criticism of his profession now. If he turns back Danny Lopez a second time, Sanchez may, as he claims, keep his title for years.

Nico Perez, 123, Tucson, won unanimous decision over Ruben Solario, 121, Los Angeles, 10. Alberto Davila, 120, Pomona, TKO'd Melvin Johnson, 122, Clovis, two. Oscar Muniz, 119½, Pico Rivera, TKO'd Juan Romero, 121, Tucson, nine. Jaime Garza, 121, Los Angeles, TKO'd Pedro Gonzales, 120, El Paso, three. Clayton Ross, 174, Phoenix, outscored Bobby Edwards, 171, Los Angeles, six. Roberto Garcia, 129, Los Angeles, outpointed Cenovio Nicolas 125½, Mexico City, six.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

PARK-MORALES
World Flyweight Title

TAEGU, KOREA — Willing mixer Chan-Hee Park scored a shutout decision over Alberto Morales Colon, Mexico, in 15 monotonously onesided rounds, as he successfully defended his world flyweight title for the fifth time. The bout took place before 9,000 partisan fans in Taegu Gymnasium, about 140 miles south of Seoul.

The 31-year-old challenger proved no match for the aggressive Park, 23, who stalked him all the way. There were no knockdowns, but Park's total offensive superiority carried him to a decisive victory.

Referee Takeshi Shimakawa, veteran from Japan, gave his ballot to the champ, 150-139, while Korean judge Kyu-Soon Kan and Mexican official Anselmo Escobedo scored it 150-143 and 149-138, respectively, also in Park's favor.

Both boxers weighed in at the 112-pound limit, both stood 5'4" and both men were righthanded. The similarities ended there.

Park took the initiative from the outset. He dominated the first six rounds with straight punches to the face and body, while Morales, a 12-year veteran, concentrated on his footwork.

Park let up in the seventh, which was fairly even, but he went to work again in the eighth round, and, from then on through the 12th, the champ was clearly in command.

Morales turned loose in the 13th round, but Park did not fall back. The two men slugged it out, toe-to-toe, in the center of the ring, and a clash of heads opened up a gash over the challenger's left eyebrow.

The younger Chan-Hee, encouraged by the roaring crowd, gamely chased the fading loser in the last two rounds with no sign of exhaustion. It was a lopsided triumph, but some experts castigated Park's performance, comparing it, unfavorably, with his fine wins over Canto and Espadas.

This bout was staged on short notice, Park's next defense, against former WBA champ Shoji Oguma (to take place 35 days after this fight), having already been set. Park may have been looking ahead to the more lucrative Oguma contest, and, rather than risk being cut, been content to pile up the points instead of going all out for a knockout.

Park, a graduate of Dong-a University, stretched his undefeated record to 14 wins (six knockouts) and two draws. Morales is now 34-17-3.

Both "world" flyweight champs — Park and WBA king Tae-Shik Kim (13-1 with 10 kayoes) — are from Korea. It's time to have them meet and clear up the dual title situation.

Heung-Sok Yuh won unanimous decision over Chong-Ho Kim, 10, winning the latter's Korean junior welterweight title.

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲ LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—California State bantamweight champion Ricardo Ricardo Varela, 118, Los Angeles, outclassed Danny Aguilera, also 118, over the 10-round route. Varela's state title was not at stake.

Aguilera swung hard and fast as he tried to catch the mobile Varela. He ran into a hail storm of leather whenever he thought he had him, however, as Varela would move to his right and catch his oncoming opponent with everything but the kitchen sink. Two quick lefts floored Aguilera in the fifth round for the bout's only knockdown. Varela, who is now 20-4, is an exciting and clever southpaw with tremendous potential. It was Aguilera's first defeat in eight pro bouts.

Raul Salazar, 140, Culver City, TKO'd Robert San Jose, 141, San Diego, at 1:41 of the third round.

Carlos Lozano, 145½, San Fernando, TKO'd Ruben Martinez, 146, Mexicali, in the third round.

Mike Rodriguez, 126½, East Los Angeles, outslugged Chivo Arrelano, 125, Mexicali, and copped a five-round decision.

▲ LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—In an "Okay, let's see what you've got!" fight, terrific newcomer Roberto Elizondo, 132, Corpus Christi, Texas, demolished more experienced toughie Alex Orejel, 130, Mexico, in 1:14 of the fourth round.

Orejel was out to teach Elizondo a lesson. Elizondo was in the big city now, and he, Orejel, would beat him back to Texas. Elizondo, in typical country boy fashion, beat the tar out of Orejel.

The first round went to Orejel, who jabbed and hooked effectively. The fight began in earnest in the second, as both attacked the body with punishing left hooks. Elizondo, a vicious body banger, relished the opportunity to undulge in his favorite pastime. He hurt Orejel with a right cross to the head in the third round. Orejel bravely stood his ground and fired back, but it was clear that it was only a matter of time.

Early in the fourth, they were exchanging punches when a volley of left hooks to the liver dropped Orejel. He was badly hurt, and had a look of fear in his eyes as he fumbled for the ropes. He feared, not that he would be hurt, but that he'd lose the fight. Oblivious to the excruciating pain a left hook to the liver can cause, he made it to his feet at nine. He was soon down again, however, from another left hook to the liver. Again, he scrambled up, but the ref stopped it. Even then, Orejel wanted to continue.

Elizondo now has a pro mark of 13-1 with 11 kayoes. Manager Jackie McCoy has struck pay dirt with this fine addition to his stable.

Orejel is now 27-8.

Carlos Lozano, 147, San Fernando, halted Alberto Cota, also 147, Mexico, in the sixth round. Lozano is still undefeated.

Mano Morua, 129½, La Puente, stopped Leon Smith, 133½, Pasadena, at 1:41 of the fourth round.

Adrian Uribe, 122½, Mexicali, outscored toughie Mike Rodriguez, 123, East Los Angeles, four.

Attendance—3,540. Receipts—$5,545.00

LOUIS MESORANA

▲ LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Louie Loy, 127¼, won unanimous decision over Humberto Lara, 127⅔, 10. Dominant from the bout's opening, Loy floored Lara twice in the fifth round with combinations and coasted the remainder of the way for a lopsided victory. Loy is now 9-0. Lara is 11-4.

Rich Mills, 217, kayoed Alf Coffin, 217, four.

Pablo Gomez, 143, outpointed Ramon Sanchez, also 143, four.

▲ LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Rocky Garcia showed why many fight observers think he is among the world's most promising young featherweights with a decisive 10-round unanimous decision over Fel Clemente, 129. There were no knockdowns, but the 21-year-old Garcia was in control throughout, keeping Clemente at bay with sharp jabs and driving him back with stinging right hands. Rocky, who weighed 127⅔, is now 16-0.

"I thought Rocky handled Clemente just as easily as (Salvador) Sanchez did when they fought," said Garcia's trainer, Jackie McCoy. "Rocky is going to surprise a lot of people someday."

Randy McGrady, 153½, outscored Alejandro Miranda, 147, six.

Raul Salazar, 143, outpointed Juan Garcia, 142, four.

James L. Bella, 154, outscored Carlos Muro, 156, four.

▲ SAN BERNARDINO—Arena—Herman Montes, 137, kayoed Jerry Vinzor, 136, in the fourth round before an overflow crowd. Monte's record is now 34-2. Vinzor is 18-3.

MICHAEL LEAHY

CONNECTICUT

▲ HARTFORD Civic Center Assembly Hall—Once again displaying fistic talents beyond his brief pro career, Marlon Starling, 147, Hartford, added an eighth victim in as many bouts by knocking out Feliciano Cintron, 150, Boston, in 0:15 of the sixth round.

In scoring his fourth consecutive kayo, "Moochie" again demonstrated a finishing touch rarely seen in a boxer with such limited pro experience before a crowd of over 1,000 fans. He struck with a staggering left hook to the jaw quickly as the sixth unfolded. Another hook, and, as Cintron sank, a right to the head finished the former Virgin Islander. Referee Sal Maltempo waved his arms, not bothering to count. It had been scheduled for eight.

After probing and sizing up his foe for four rounds, Starling launched a sharp assault in the fifth, dropping Cintron with a left to the jaw. Up at one for an automatic eight count, Feliciano was staggered again by a right and a left hook that landed right after the bell.

Steve Snow, 145, Holyoke, TKO'd Bobby Tomasello, Boston, at 1:03 of the fifth round in a slated semi-final six. Three solid rights in turn buckled Bob's knees, staggered him, and almost dropped him as he half backed through the ropes and ref Lou Bogash waved an end.

Unbeaten Marcus Starks, 140, Hartford, scored his sixth win, dropping Lloyd Jones, 137½, Philadelphia, three times before referee Bogash tabbed it a TKO at 1:47 of the third in the slated six-rounder. Ken Schmidt, 203, Hamden, avenged his lone loss in eight bouts by knocking out Jim Harris, 199, Philadelphia, in 0:36 of the second round. Referee Pinky Morris counted Harris out on the third knockdown. Harris had kayoed Schmidt in, oddly enough, 0:36 of the first round the first time that they met. Harold Rice, 250, Somers, TKO'd Ralph Kelly, 210, Syracuse, at 1:40 of the fourth round. Randy Davio, 157, Springfield, won a split decision over Jack Cowell, 153, Bridgeport, four.

▲ WEST HARTFORD—Stage West—It took exactly seven weeks and close to 13 rounds of rousing battle for Papo Figueroa to take possession of the Hartford intra-city welterweight title trophy offered by Sports Promotions. He stopped Hartford's Hector Ortiz in 2:07 of the fifth round of a slated eight-round feature rematch studded by roars and shouts from a partisan crowd of about 750. Papo's record is 9-1-2. Ortiz, a southpaw, is now 5-4-2.

They had fought an eight-round draw in the same ring weeks before when promoter Frank Chilone first put up the title cup, and the return go was as exciting. Actually, Dr. Joseph G. Uricchio ordered the fight halted after he had examined a long gash below Hector's right eyebrow, but Figueroa appeared on the way to an easy win after sweeping the previous pair of rounds by wide margins. Ortiz accepted the cease fire verdict in good spirits. He appeared tired from his wild, rushing assaults at the beginning of each round.

In fact, his opening rally in the second surprised Papo, the rushing assault bending his knees and almost flooring him in a neutral corner. The methodical Figueroa, finely trained by Dessie Clark, took command in the third and drew the spectators to their feet howling approval. "Stop! Stop!" shouted referee Pinky Morris as Ortiz hit low, probably recalling that both had fouled in their first clash. Morris walked Hector to his corner in the fifth round, but then let the duel continue. Moments later, he called in the doctor, as Ortiz's face had turned into a crimson mask from blood oozing out the cut above the right eye and another cut on the right cheekbone.

Weights: Figueroa, 144; Ortiz, 147.

More stringent physical exams in the aftermath of Charlie Newell's fatal injuries suffered in a Hartford Civic Center bout here in January cut the card to a total of four bouts, two out-of-state foes ruled off after examination.

Boos and cheers greeted a split decision to Victor Arnua, 128, Hartford over lefty Jorge Vasquez, 127, New York, in the semi-final eight. Arnua bloodied his foe's nose in the third round, and Vasquez was spurred into a pitched battle drawing cheers and whistles from the fans. It was a close duel all the way. Arnua, still unbeaten, is now 6-0-1.

Pepe Vasquez, 125, Hartford, TKO'd Felix Rodriguez, 124, Springfield, at 1:17 of the fourth round in a scheduled six-rounder. Jack Johns, 148, Rocky Hill, Conn., TKO'd Joe Gazzo, 145, Jersey City, at 2:45 of the first round in a slated four. Dropped by a right to the jaw, Gazzo staggered and stumbled after rising at the count of seven, and ref Duke Lawson stopped it.

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ ORLANDO—American Legion Hall—The tremendous punching power in the right hand of Miami heavyweight Jeff Sims combined perfectly with the southpaw stance of Texan Nick Wells, allowing Sims to pummel Wells into a TKO defeat within the first three minutes of their scheduled 10-rounder at the downtown Legion Hall.

Sims scored his 10th knockout win in as many pro bouts as he jumped all over Wells, now 10-4, from the opening bell, throwing punches of all sorts from all directions. Not only did he throw them, he landed enough to drop Wells within the first 20 seconds of the one-sided contest.

Sims continued his intense attack as soon as Wells arose, dropping the former amateur standout two more times to force the halting of the bout.

"Not since Sonny Liston has there been a right hand with the dynamite that mine has," boasted Sims after the bout. "Wells did not have a chance in there with me tonight, not only because of how hard I hit, but also because he is a southpaw, and everyone knows a southpaw is a sucker for a right hand. I have to admit he showed guts—for getting up in the ring and just for getting into the ring period."

Sims has recently complained of trouble in obtaining opponents, a problem he feels will grow along with his reputation. Several weeks prior to meeting Wells, Sims cut Muhammad Ali's lip in a highly publicized training session.

"Before I cut Ali's lip I had enough problems getting fights," said Sims, "and since then it seems to have gotten a lot worse. I've shown enough in my 10 fights to get a lot of people worried about me. It's not going to be easy getting people in there with me, especially after I destroy the ones I do fight."

Clyde "The Cattleman" Fussell, 42-year-old heavyweight from Lakeland, stopped Alachua's Bobby Dade in three. Light heavy Al Migliorato scored his third win in a row on the comeback trail as he halted Charles Harris. Light heavyweight Danny Mac took a split decision over Greg Payne, six. Welterweight Archie Crews disposed of James A. Tynes in three rounds. Lightweight Saul Guerra stopped Frankie Valdez in two.

GEORGE CURCIO

▲ MIAMI — The Wilfred Benitez-Johnny Turner fight was a mismatch. Benitez won every round, scoring a TKO at 2:50 of the ninth.

Aaron Pryor, 136¼, Cincinnati, looked great in destroying Julio Valdez, 132, Dominican Republic, in 2:37 of the fourth round.

Terry Pizzaro, 124, Florida, outscored Ralph Barrios, 126, Florida, four. Kenny Austin, 210, Florida, kayoed Andy Russell, 194, Bahamas, in 1:45 of the second. Lou Esa, 256, Florida, TKO'd David Starkey, 245¼, in 2:33 of the second. Gaston Berube, 203, TKO'd Terry Wallace, 243, at 2:33 of the second.

The attendance was set at 4,000. The show was promoted by Chris Dundee and nationally telecast by CBS.

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center Arena — A "no name" fight card was presented by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd. Promoter Sad Sam figures cards like these are not money makers, but are necessary in order to keep local fighters busy.

Mike Ibanez, 138, Honolulu, won unanimous decision over Joe Lim, 137, Philippines, 10.

Fomai Leota, Samoa, knocked out Rocky Azevedo, Honolulu, in one, light heavyweights.

Frank Hesia, 118, Honolulu, kayoed Corty Polando, 117, Arizona, in the second.

Kenneth Oki, Honolulu, outscored Carl Poff, Honolulu, four, heavyweight.

Fred Baclaan, 132, Honolulu, and Roger Reed, 131, Honolulu, drew, four.

TED YAMACHIKA

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Center Arena—The relatively new Kuwashi Enterprises, Inc., got off its first show of the year with a big bang. A hometown crowd of more than 4,000 saw their local idol. Rolando Navarette, 131, Philippines, TKO globetrotting cutie Jerome Artis, 130½, Philadelphia, at 2:33 of the seventh stanza in the 10-round feature stellar presentation.

Artis, a 26-year-old southpaw, came to the islands with excellent credentials of 20-6-4. He had battled some of the best, like current WBC super feather champ Arguello, former English title holder Charlie Nash, and Trinidad's highly regarded Claude Noel.

Artis also brought along his stick-and-stab style, always keeping his opponent in the center of the ring. It worked for the

first four rounds, as he occasionally found Navarette with right jabs as he moved side to side while safely staying out of range of Navarette's power. Artis' strategy was obvious, but it wasn't going to succeed.

In the fifth round, Navarette, remaining cool and constantly stalking his opponent, finally began to cleverly cut down the ring. He was finding Artis with solid shots to the body. In the sixth, the hard-punching junior lightweight scored with a smashing left hook to the chin that dropped Artis to one knee. Artis, up at the count of nine with blood dripping through his mouthpiece, was wobbling on rubbery "wheels." He managed to hang on and last the round.

In the seventh, Navarette, sensing the end, moved in quickly, trapping Artis in a neutral corner and pummeling him with vicious body shots until a wicked left hook to the side of the head put him down on his haunches. Artis just beat the count, but was in no condition to continue, and referee Manny Tolentino stopped the bout despite his protests.

Navarette led on all cards through six rounds. Judges Ed Higa and Abe Pacheco scored it 28-26 and 28-27, respectively, and Tolentino had it 29-26.

"I feel he's ready for Arguello," said Rolando's trainer, Mario Lumacad. "Although we're ready for anybody Kuwashi Enterprises will give us, we're aiming for that crown. Kuwashi has promised to get us a shot at the title."

"If they give me a chance," Navarette added, "I'm ready."

In a wild 10-round co-feature brawl, which had all the makings of a real old fashioned donneybrook, classy Filipino junior featherweight Noel Arriesgado, 123, currently ranked seventh by the WBC, upped his record to 8-2-1 with a TKO over rugged Cookie Valencia, 122½, Ogden, Utah, at the end of the second round. Valencia, now 16-9, was stopped on cuts above and below the left eye.

Freddy (Hurricane) Mensah, 133½, Ghana (now based in Hawaii), won a split decision over lanky Ronald Strode, 135½, Waipahu, eight. Katsuhiro Okubo, 141, Japan, TKO'd Frankie Balasi, 141, Manila, at 2:36 of the fourth round in a scheduled six-rounder. Reuben Dudoit, 129½, Waipahu, decisioned Ful Sumagasay, 129½, Philippines, in the five-round curtain raiser.

Paid attendance—4,033. Gross—$26,592.

JOEL LIPSITT

ILLINOIS

▲ CHICAGO — Two midwestern middleweights made dramatic and highly successful debuts on television in the first of a series of Chicago fights promoted by Top Rank and televised across the country by the Entertainment Sports Programming Network.

Larry Martin, 156, Kansas City, disposed of Roosevelt Green, 158, Chicago's most highly regarded middleweight prospect, in 0:54 of the second round. Jerry, now 5-1, had hurt Green in the first round, dominating with an effective right lead. Green backpeddled for the last part of round one and into round two, but never fully recovered, and Martin used the right to put him down for good early in the second. It was the first loss in nine pro fights for Green, a former Golden Gloves champ.

Caveman Lee, 160, Detroit, TKO'd Alex Porrata, 157, Chicago, at 1:56 of the sixth round. Lee is trained by Emanuel Steward, who also guides the careers of WBA lightweight champion Hilmer Kenty and USBA welterweight king Thomas Hearns. Lee showed why Steward calls him "a future middleweight champ" by the way that he beat the southpaw Porrata.

He started fast, knocking Porrata down in the first round, but Alex weathered the session and even made a brief comeback in the fourth, when he pinned Lee on the ropes and scored effectively to the body and head. After that, the fight was Lee's, and a flurry of punches put Porrata down in the sixth round. He beat the count, but the referee stopped the contest.

The victories by Martin and Lee advanced them in the tournament — to a meeting with each other. The winner of that fight will face another regional middleweight winner, probably the one from New Jersey.

In a non-tournament bout, ESPN viewers and the nearly 2,000 fans on hand in Chicago saw undefeated James "Quick" Tillis, 202, Chicago, boost his record to 15-0 with 14 knockouts by stopping Frank Schram, also 202, in the second round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Tillis, a skilled, poised heavyweight, knocked the 33-year-old Schram down three times in the second round. The last knockdown ended the fight at 1:54. The 22-year-old Chicagoan is a classy stand-up boxer and an excellent combination puncher. If his punching power is still suspect because of his poor opposition, his hand and foot speed certainly is not. Tillis ust needs better opponents to move up the heavyweight ladder.

Another undefeated Chicago heavyweight kept his record perfect when Floyd "Jumbo" Cumminbs, 226, knocked out Vic Wallace, 214, in the second round of their scheduled six-rounder. Cummings knocked Wallace through the ropes and onto the timer's table with a devastating right at 1:00 of the second round. Cummings thus raised his record to 8-0.

Top Rank co-promoted with Ernest Terrell.

AL BERNSTEIN

MAINE

▲ PORTLAND — Cumberland County Civic Center — Mean Marvelous Marvin (Hagler) is not only mean, but very dangerous — just ask Bobby Watts, who was sent to the canvas twice in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Hagler, who lost a split decision to Watts in 1976 and had to wait four years to get another shot, wasn't satisfied with the second round knockout because, as he would later say, "I wasn't done with him."

The knockout — before a live gate of just 2,432 and a national television audience — came at 3:09 of the round. The final knockdown, from a straight right hitting squarely on the chin, came with only three seconds remaining. Technically, Watts, according to Maine boxing rules didn't even have to get up and could have been saved by the bell, but in doing so, he fell back into the ropes, and referee Rene Laliberte stepped in and halted the bout.

Watts, 31 and weighing in at 158½ (the same as Hagler), said he would fight Hagler again, but would like a few more weeks notice the next time. The Philadelphian, incidentally, was a fill-in for Marcos Geraldo, who could not get out of Mexico because of legal problems.

The knockout, Hagler's 40th, improves his pro record to 48-2-2. Watts' drops to 34-6-1.

In other action, Willie (The Cannon) Shannon was stopped in nine by Dwain Bonds, one of John Tate's sparring partners. Shannon, 183, broke his right hand in the third round.

JACK GOODMAN

MISSOURI

▲ KANSAS CITY—Municipal Auditorium—NBC and Madison Square Garden, in conjunction with Gene Fritz, brought boxing back to the heart of America, and 5,300 fans loved it. They were treated to an outstanding five-bout card.

The nationally televised program was blacked out in the Kansas City area, with the Pryor-Asprilla bout being shown live. The Chiaverini-Rodriguez bout was taped and the action-packed seventh round was later shown nationally.

After all the pre-fight buildup, many Kansas City boxing fans were somewhat disappointed. They had almost expected to see Superman appear in the ring in the person of Aaron Pryor. Pryor, however, appeared to be a mere mortal, as it took him almost all of the 10 scheduled rounds to finally wear down and stop Colombian Leonidas Asprilla.

In Pryor's defense, it must be said that it takes two to make a fight. For the most part, Asprilla seemed content to lay on the ropes and cover up as he tried to catch Pryor's blows on his goves and arms. Only occasionally did he look to land that one big blow.

Pryor, 136¾, Cincinnati, finally got through to Asprilla in the third round, as he decked the Colombian for a short count with a hard left hand.

Pryor dominated the fourth and fifth rounds, as Asprilla did little offensively. Pryor was strictly headhunting, and perhaps if the 24-year-old Ohio fighter had been going to the body more he could have opened up Asprilla earlier for head shots.

Asprilla, 137, Cartagena, got back into the fight in the sixth round, as he scored with several hard right hands to the head of Pryor. This round was the only one this writer gave Asprilla, who was fighting in the United States for the first time.

The 24-year-old Asprilla scored with occasional hard punches to keep the bout interesting, but he never could put two hard blows together against the elusive Pryor.

Aaron, who was ranked sixth by the WBC, landed a hard left hook as the bell sounded to end round nine, and Leonidas appeared out on his feet as he aimlessly wandered toward his corner.

With his handlers yelling for the "Hawk" to end it, Pryor came out punching in the 10th and quickly had the still dazed Asprilla in serious trouble.

Pryor had landed a flurry of punches, with the most damaging one seeming to be a right uppercut, when referee Jerry Morales stepped between the two fighters.

The handlers of Pryor rushed into the ring for a victory celebration, but Morales quickly chased them out and began to administer a standing eight-count (in violation of Missouri State Athletic Commission rules).

Morales ordered the fight resumed after concluding the count, but the wobbly Asprilla was met by a hail of punches from Pryor, and the bout was halted at 2:00 of the final round.

"The fight should have been over," Pryor said. "I didn't want to have to kill the guy to get the fight stopped."

Pryor was leading on all three judges' cards (89-86, 89-82, and 89-84) after nine rounds. He's now 23-0 with 21 kayoes. Asprilla, who was ranked fifth by the WBA, is now 33-2-1 with 18 kayoes.

The highlight of the day, as far as local fans were concerned, came when hometown favorite Tony Chiaverini pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over tough Rafael Rodriguez.

It looked like Chiaverini, 156½, was going to have a short work day, as he quickly dropped Rodriguez, 153¾, Minneapolis, with a southpaw straight left flush on the chin. But Rodriguez was up quickly, and managed to stay out of trouble for the rest of the round.

Rounds two through five saw good exchanges, but the world-rated Chiaverini always seemed to have the better of it. At times, Rodriguez seemed troubled by the southpaw stance of Chiaverini. Rafael's nose started bleeding in the third round, and continued bleeding for the rest of the bout.

The 35-year-old Rodriguez had his best round in the sixth, as he scored with several good right leads and uppercuts. This was the only round this writer scored for the Minnesota fighter.

Just when it looked like Rodriguez was getting back into the fight, the 27-year-old Chiaverini battered his game opponent relentlessly throughout the seventh round. Tony landed two hard straight lefts along with a series of left uppercuts to dominate the session.

Rodriguez looked ready to be taken as he answered the bell for the eighth round, but the tough-as-nails Mexican managed to evade or tie his rival up to make it through the round.

Chiaverini landed several hard right jabs in the ninth round, and the 10th frame was a good finisher. That fast-paced last round saw Chiaverini score with several hard right hooks as his fans yelled for a K.O. The right eye of Rodriguez was cut in this round, as both fighters finished to a good ovation by the fans.

The three judges scored it 99-94, 99-93, and 100-94 for Chiaverini.

"I was surprised when I put him down with a good left," said Chiaverini. "He had gone 10 rounds with Leonard. I also showed people I could hit with my right hand. But overall, I wasn't satisfied with my performance."

The victory was the fifth straight for Chiaverini under new manager Angelo Dundee. Dundee, who wasn't able to be here for the fight, hopes to land a title bout for Chiaverini soon. Tony's record is now 36-4-1 with 25 kayoes.

The veteran Rodriguez dropped to 25-13-1.

Ralph Racine, 137, Niagara Falls, Ontario, stopped Dale Hernandez, 136, Omaha, Nebraska, at 2:39 of the eighth round in another featured 10. The fans were treated to a real slugfest in this bout, as the two fighters took turns pounding each other up until the end.

The red-headed Racine, who dropped Hilmer Kenty twice in their bout last August, dominated the first three rounds, as he landed many good, sharp right hands to the head of Hernandez.

The much shorter Hernandez was finally able to back Racine against the ropes and score with several flurries to the head and body in the fourth round. Early in the fifth, Racine pushed out a weak left which Hernandez countered with a hard right hand to put the Canadian on the deck. The badly hurt Racine was up at six on very wobbly legs. He looked ready to be taken, but the wild swinging Hernandez couldn't connect again and let his dazed opponent off the hook.

Racine regained control in the sixth round. Ralph really dominated the seventh, as he backed Hernandez into a corner at one time and landed at least 10 unanswered punches. The always game Hernandez came fighting back just as referee Kenny Morris seemed about to stop the bout.

Racine continued the bombardment in the eighth round, as Hernandez had no answer. Dale was badly hurt and on wobbly legs when referee Morris stepped in and ended the contest at 2:39 of the round. Hernandez protested, and the crowd let go with a chorus of boos. Most ringsiders, however, thought that Morris did the proper thing.

"He tagged me a couple of times, and shook me up in the fifth," said Racine. "I was fighting for my life. The guy can take a punch. My corner told me to move and box. You can't trade punches with a slugger. It's a good thing I'm a puncher, too."

The win upped Racine's record to 26-7-1, while Hernandez dropped to 36-4.

The opening bout saw Willie Turner, 131, Kansas City, win a unanimous four-round decision over C. B. (Buster) Brown. 131½, Des Moines, Iowa. Turner dropped Brown with a right hand in the second round, but the Iowa fighter was up quickly and came back to make an interesting fight of it. Turner is now 2-0. Brown's record dropped to 2-3.

In the closing bout, Michael Blunt, 141, Cincinnati, took a six-round split decision over Tom Crowley, 139½, Tipton, Iowa. Blunt seemed to land the sharper blows, but the game Crowley always kept coming at him. The aggressive Iowa fighter was nicked over the right eye in the fourth, and a Blunt right hand hurt him in the fifth.

Two judges scored the bout for Blunt, 59-58 and 57-56. The other judge sw it 58-56 for Crowley. Most ringside observers saw Blunt the clear winner.

Blunt, main sparring partner of Pryor, now has a record of 10-2. Crowley's log is 14-5.

RON COPHER

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel Casino—Philadelphia's undefeated middleweight Curtis Parker made the best of his national television debut, scoring a ripsnorting TKO over California vet David Love, 0:19 into the ninth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Over the years, Love has made a career of beating Philly fighters. He stopped both Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts and Willie "The Worm" Monroe, while outpointing Bennie Briscoe and Perry Abner. In Parker, he faced a tartar, who refused to be bothered by the "whammy" that Love had held over previous Quaker City boxers.

Parker, who looks and fights like a mini-Joe Frazier, applied relentless pressure from the opening bell. He stormed forward, throwing punches in quick bursts, digging to both head and body. It is Parker's awesome workrate, as much as his punching power, that has carried him to 16 straight victories as a pro. Love was the 14th victim not to last the distance.

Love, 159½ abandoned the normal stick-and-move style that has served him well in the past and tried to go punch for

punch with the short-armed Philadelphian. This proved to be a big mistake.

Parker, also 159½, absorbed some hard shots coming in, but was never seriously hurt and, after the fourth round, was in complete control. A flurry of blistering lefts and rights draped Love over the ropes for a count in the eighth and only the bell saved him from immediate disaster.

Wasting no time, Parker jumped to the attack in the ninth and soon floored Love with a whistling right uppercut. Referee John Fitzpatrick had seen enough and rescued the battered loser before hostilities could resume.

Love claimed he had been hampered by an early-round injury to his right hand, but it is doubtful that the outcome would have been much different. His decision to slug it out with Curtis made entertaining watching for both the live and tube audience, but eliminated any chance David might have had to continue his dominance over Philly middles.

Parker is a hungry, determined factor in the division. He will make tough work for anyone. His go-for-broke style, however, makes him very vulnerable to facial punishment. If he is going to have a chance at winning a world title, it had better come soon.

Marciano Bernardi, 158, Paterson, N.J., stopped Chris Lange, 167, Columbia, Ga., at 2:40 of the second. Kevin Howard, 151, Phila., TKO'd Michael Herron, 148½, Vineland, N.J., at 0:50 of the fifth. Johnny Cooper, 147½, Blackwood, N.J., TKO'd Melvin Hauser, 147, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 1:58 of the seventh. Mike Picciotti, 148, Upper Darby, TKO'd Herbert Jackson, 147½, Newark, N.J., at 1:40 of the fourth and Fred McMunn, 159, Phila., decisioned Leo Martinez, 163, Phila., in four.

The card was packaged for NBC-TV by J. Russell Peltz and drew a near capacity crowd of 1,400 at the Resorts Superstar Theatre.

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel Casino—The ESPN cable television network kicked off their 12-month boxing tournament with a six-bout card held in the tiny Rutland Room before a SRO crowd and a battery of TV cameras.

The tournament is being packaged by Bob Arum, who was on hand for the opening ceremonies. For the purpose of the tourney, the country has been carved up into regions with four front promoters handling their own turf. Philly's Rus Peltz owns the territory from Southern Jersey to Florida. Dan Duva, operating out of Totowa, N.J., has Northern Jersey, New York, and New England sewn up. Ernie Terrell will be working out of Chicago, while Mel Greb holds down the fort in Las Vegas.

Regional winners will go on to battle each other, with the finals to be eventually held at the venue that is doing the best business. It's a chance for little known fighters to gain national exposure while earning a small, but steady, pay check.

Only two of the matches on this card were tournament bouts (both middleweight eliminations) and they did little to stimulate anticipation in those to come. In fact, they were duds.

Philadelphian Jerome "Silky" Jackson survived a stunning last round knockdown to score a unanimous eight-round decision over veteran loser Bob Patterson.

Until the knockdown, the bout had been a crashing bore. Jackson, 158½, did just enough punching to edge most rounds, never really going all out. He was more impressive losing to unbeaten Wilford Scypion last time out. He fought his ass off in that one. Against such a modest adversary as Patterson, he seemed content to merely get by.

Patterson, 161, now billed out of Salisbury, North Carolina, tried hard and was finally rewarded for his efforts with about 20 seconds remaining in the final round. He crashed a hard right smack on "Silky's" jaw.

Down went Jackson, looking a lot like John Tate in his last round with Mike Weaver. The big difference was that Jackson got up. None too steady mind you, but he did just beat the count. The bell sounded before Patterson could launch another punch. Lucky for Jackson; unlucky for Bob.

"It was a good shot," reported Jackson. "He was kind of punching wild, looking for a lucky punch. I got careless and he got me with it."

In the other tournament fight, lefty Frank Fletcher, 158, Phila., breezed to a unanimous eight-round decision over mismatched Ben Serrano, 155½, Warminster, Pa.

How Serrano, with a wonderful record of just one win in four bouts, got into the tournament is a mystery. Whatever the reason, he paid the price. Every round, Fletcher bounced combos of poor Ben's face with impunity. The rock-jawed Puerto Rican was never hurt, but took a solid lacing.

Fletcher will now face Jackson for the Regional Championship. It is not a match that has the fans drooling, but it should prove to be a bit more competitive than tonight's offerings.

There was much better action in the prelims, some of which were called "wildcard fights." This means that they were paid for by Arum, but not part of the tourney. Why have a special name for such encounters? It's beyond me.

Upper Darby's Mike Picciotti, 146½, stopped Dale Staley, 147, Forrestville, Md., 1:50 into the sixth-round in one of the "wildcard fights."

Picciotti went after Staley from the start and beat him silly, but could not put Dale on the deck. Referee John Fitzpatrick mercifully called a halt when Staley turned his back to escape Picciotti's attack.

Hard punching Victor Pappa, 142, Ridley Park, Pa., scored an eight-round TKO over transplanted Irishman Sean McGarry, also 142. Pappa has the punch to beat a lot of fighters, if only he would stop leading with his face.

Tough Philly slugger Mike Ross, 138, outpointed Curtis Harris, 134, Patterson, N.J., over six and busy Jose Green, 140, Warminster, TKO'd local Kevin Renshaw, 134½, in 0:56 of the third.

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—West Side Complex—Local hero Ernest Bing retained his New Jersey State junior lightweight title, scoring a unanimous 12-round decision over Newark's Danny Daniels in a real yawn provoker.

The fact that Daniels, a veteran loser on the East Coast club circuit, was sanctioned to fight for the belt doesn't say much for the New Jersey Athletic Commission or the quality of the division. The bout was more an exercise in patty-cake than a fight. There was a lot of wasted motion, feints, and missed punches. The number of solid blows landed were precious few.

Bing, 129½, has a pretty good following in the area and has been in some pleasing fights in the past. Against Daniels, 130, he seemed unduly hesitant, never getting his attack into high gear.

The closest thing to excitement came in the 10th round, when Daniels tripped and Bing fell on top of him. Other than that, it was dull, dull, dull.

Referee Tony Perez scored 7-4-1 for Bing. Judges Bill Carrozza and Eva Shain agreed with tallies of 6-5-1 and 8-4, respectively, also for Ernest.

In the top prelim, Tyrone Demby, 159½, Pleasantville, N.J., TKO'd Vineland's Curtis Taylor at 1:41 of the third round of a scheduled six.

Demby, who looked like the best fighter on the show, met stubborn resistance for a round or two. Taylor, 158, came to fight and landed some hefty hooks to the body in the early going.

Demby's overall skill and sharper punching soon took over and a right to the face hurt Taylor early in the third. Demby opened up with a series of rapid combos and referee William Bell stepped in after close to 20 unanswered punches hung Taylor in a corner.

Kerry Judge, 210, Northeast Phila., turned pro with a third-round TKO over New Yorker Lynwood Allen, 195. Kerry is the younger brother of retired heavyweight Jerry Judge, best known as a member of the Toronto Five.

Atlantic City heavy Bob Colay, 212½, TKO'd Roger Troupe, 203½, Vineland, N.J., at 1:56 of the fifth. A head-snapping right uppercut punctuated the finishing flurry.

Philadelphia's Tony Suero, 151, landed a double right hook to stop mismatched Ronald Jones, 145, New York City, at 1:07 of the second round. Jones went down hard, struggled to his feet at nine, and was wisely rescued by referee Bell.

The card was promoted by Nancy Sciacca, who plans to run on a regular basis at this venue.

Attendance—575.

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲ SYRACUSE—War Memorial Auditorium—Rocky Fratto, 152, Geneva, New York, scored an explosive knockout over C. J. Faison, 150½, Washington, D.C., in 0:54 of the first round. The scheduled 10-round main event was all over when Fratto unloaded a sizzling right hand over Faison's attempted right. Rocky's punch landed right on the button.

Louis Hubela, 136½, Brooklyn, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jean LaPointe, 134½, Montreal, in the eight-round semi-final. Hubela did most of the scoring with jabs and right crosses, the Canadian pressing in throughout the bout. Hubela is 19-0; LaPointe 18-7-1.

Tony Salvatore, 128, Montreal won a unanimous decision over Joshua King, 134, Brooklyn, in a bristling six-rounder. Salvatore scored with good body blows against the flashy King, who covered up. Salvatore is now 8-0-1.

Joe Britt, 173¾, Syracuse, kayoed Eric Winbush, 178, New York City, in 2:42 of the second round in a scheduled six. Britt, who is handled by Billy Harris, finished Winbush with an uppercut and right cross. He's now 2-0.

Frank Minigan, 148½, Rochester, New York, knocked out Norman Jones, 144½, Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 2:34 of the sixth and final round. Minigan caught up with Jones and knocked him out with an overhand right. The man from Rochester is handled by Frankie Verna.

Walter Russ, 172, Geneva, New York, made his pro debut in a scheduled four-rounder against Jim Clark, 182, New York City. Russ downed Clark three times for a TKO at 1:50 of the first round.

Promoter—Canastota Boxing Club.

Attendance—1,500.

JIM LEO

▲ COMMACK, SUFFOLK — Willie "Fireball" Rodriguez gave 2,200 fans in the Long Island Arena a display of his marvelous boxing talents, sweeping the final seven rounds and winning a 12-round unanimous decision against Marvin "Harlem" Jenkins.

Rodriguez, 137½, Allentown, Pa., looked frail compared to the powerfully-built Jenkins, 140, Harlem, New York. For the first five rounds, Jenkins was using his speed and superior upper body strength to make a close fight of it. He was staying close to Rodriguez, keeping the world-class "Fireball" on his toes.

By the sixth round, however, Jenkins had grown frustrated. The elusive Rodriguez was popping him with stinging left jabs and quick combinations, then moving rapidly out of range before Jenkins could get off.

A tired Jenkins changed his fight style midway through the eighth round, going up on his toes and dancing, abandoning his straight ahead, aggressive approach. However, because of his rapidly emptying fuel tank, Jenkins was able to dance only in spurts. His legs were deserting him rapidly. Rodriguez began to put pressure on, landing clean with the jab and right leads.

By the start of the 11th round, Jenkins knew he was hopelessly behind, so he went back to pressuring Rodriguez, hoping for the one punch which would end the fight. All he got for his efforts was a faceful of leather from Rodriguez.

Jenkins went into the 12th round with a large welt under his left eye and another one above his right eye. Rodriguez stayed on the move behind his extraordinary left hand, careful not to get nailed with a sucker punch. In the final seconds, a hard right uppercut ripped open the welt beneath Jenkin's left eye. Blood spurted heavily from the wound. Jenkins grabbed tightly onto Rodriguez, refusing to let go. Had the cut occurred the previous round, or even earlier in the 12th round, referee Arthur Mercante probably would have stopped the fight. But with seconds to go, the fight was allowed to continue. It didn't matter. Rodriguez was awarded a unanimous decision. He will now be recognized by *The Ring* as the U.S. junior welterweight champion.

Afterwards, Rodriguez said he hopes to fight for a world title by the end of 1980. Off this effort, he appears capable of giving any junior welterweight in the world a rough night, if not beat him.

Three of the remaining four fights on this card were highly entertaining and competitive.

In the opening four-rounder of the evening, New York City's Ray Johnson, 132, decisioned Jose Rosado, 135, Jersey City. Both young men gave it all they had for the 12 minutes the fight lasted.

The same can be said for light heavyweights Bernard McClean and Curtis Goins, both of Brooklyn. However, southpaw McClean, 176½, was too busy and too experienced for Goins, 178¾, and finished stronger to capture the eight-round decision.

A terrific featherweight bout followed, matching punchers Jose Nieto of New York and Alberto Collazo of Pittsburgh, Pa. For six rounds the two men swapped blow after blow, keeping the crowd roaring with every punch. In the seventh round, Collazo began boxing more, employing a stiff jab to back up his vast arsenal of punches. The change in style forced Nieto to charge in more, thus making him more hittable. In the eighth round, Collazo began to break through. Solid shots nailed Nieto's chin, forcing the former New York Golden Gloves titlist to seek refuge on the ropes. He was leaning on the ropes, seeking support from them, a sure sign of weakening. Collazo knew this, and picked up the pace.

Finally, in the ninth round, a tremendous right uppercut snapped Nieto's head violently upward. His eyes rolled and his mouth dropped open. Still, he remained on his feet. Collazo let the punches fly. Referee Sid Rubenstein stayed right on top of the action, and after watching Nieto take another eight or nine punches, called the match off. Collazo, who is now 20-2-1 and fresh off a knockout victory against Panama's Rodolfo Francis, appears ready to fight any of the world's top featherweights.

In the only fight that was one-sided, local hero John Capobianco, 177 (but looking much more), Huntington, wore down woefully inept Reynaldo Oliviera, 169, Carver, Mass., with bulk and pressure more so than with punches. Oliviera rarely threw a punch in anger, and when he didn't answer the bell for round seven, a cheer went up from the crowd. While six rounds of this fight were six rounds too much, the fans should have been thankful. It could have been worse. The bout might have lasted 10 rounds.

Champion's Promotions, Inc. put the show on, with welterweight contender Harold Weston, Jr. acting as matchmaker.

RANDY GORDON

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — Juan Laporte, 126, Brooklyn, ran his record to 13-1 with a clear points win over David Capo, 122½, New York, in the first of three 10-round bouts. It was a rematch, Laporte having defeated Capo on a close eight-round decision in the latter's pro debut, December 15, 1978.

Capo has a reputation as a "spoiler," despite a current pro log of 1-3-1 including this last bout with Laporte. The reputation is deserved, however, as Capo has good lateral movement, knows how to avoid blows in a host of different ways, has a good chin, and, to top it off, can box. He can make *anybody* look bad.

He didn't do it to Laport, however—not on this night. Juan didn't seem to waste a punch. This young man, Laporte, is a *pro*—whether he's had 14 fights or 40. Johnny LoBianco refereed.

The second 10 saw Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz, 145, Brooklyn, win a majority decision over "Irish" Sean Mannion, 147, Galway, Ireland, now fighting out of South Boston. Referee Billy Graham scored it 5-3-2 Ortiz; judge Harold Lederman had it 6-4, Ortiz; and judge John J. Mascio saw it as a draw, 5-5. Ortiz is now 21-4-3 with seven kayoes, while Mannion is 12-2 with four knockouts. It was Sean's New York debut, and although he lost, he looked impressive.

The last 10-rounder saw Carmelo Negron, 125, Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico, but fighting out of Brooklyn, score his 12th straight kayo by bombarding Florida's Terry Pizarro, 119, until referee LoBianco halted matters at 1:26 of the seventh round. There were no knockdowns, and Pizarro was not being seriously hurt at the time the bout was stopped. The ref simply felt that he had taken enough punishment. He probably had.

Barry Funches, 194, New York, knocked out Lou Esa, 245, with a right hand in the fifth round of their scheduled eight-rounder, referee Graham declaring the poorly conditioned Esa out at 1:11 of the session.

Two six-rounders: Charles Hecker, 164½, New York, won unanimous decision over Phil Capobianco, 175, Huntington, N.Y. Billy Graham, referee. Jerroll Banks, 164, New York, TKO'd Danny Corbett, 161½, in the fourth round after flooring him in the third. Referee LoBianco stopped the bloody contest at 2:26 of the canto.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Paid attendance—2,434. Gross receipts—$22,427.

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — Cocoa Sanchez, 138, Santo Domingo, lost the first four rounds of his 10-rounder with the Bronx's Pete Padilla, 135. But he came back, worked to the body in the next five frames, and survived a last round rally by Padilla to eke out a split decision.

Padilla had used his left jab effectively to pile up the lead before the fight changed course, and a combo in the third stunned Sanchez momentarily. Referee Joe Cortez scored it 6-2-2, Sanchez; judge Carol Castellano had it 5-4-1, Padilla; and judge Ray Kozak saw it 7-3, Sanchez.

The split decision loss halted Pete's unbeated skein at nine. He's now 8-1-1 with one kayo. Sanchez is 24-7-1 with seven knockouts.

John LoCicero, 163, the Bronx, had too much respect for Philly's Ted Mann, 160, in the middle rounds of their 10-round co-feature. The usually aggressive LoCicero was cautious, and content to jab after he let Mann off the hook after flooring him with a left-fight in the fourth round.

Referee Joe Santarpia scored it 5-5 in rounds, but 6-5 in points, LoCicero. Judges Carol Castellano and Ray Kozak both had 6-3-1 (7-3 in points) scores for LoCicero, whose record is now 16-4 with 11 kayoes. Mann is 19-2 with 13 wins inside the distance.

Six-rounders: Charles Hecker, 159½, New York City, won unanimous decision over inept Herbie Wilens, 158½, Gaithersburg, Md. Tony Santana, 134, Brooklyn, TKO'd George Casher, 135, St. Albans, at 2:37 of the fourth round. Adonis Terry, Jr., 126, Bronx, TKO'd debuting Roberto Sanchez, 125, New York City, at 0:46 of the fourth. Luis Rivera refereed all three six-round contests.

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Title Vacant
1. John Tate (Tenn.)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
4. Gerry Cooney (N.Y.)
5. Leroy Jones (Colo.)
6. Scott LeDoux (Minn.)
7. Ossie Ocasio (P.R.)
8. Pinklon Thomas (Mich.)
9. Stan Ward (Calif.)
10. Greg Page (Ky.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Thomas Hearns (Mich.)
1. Wilfred Benitez (P.R.)
2. Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
3. Randy Shields (Calif.)
4. Adolfo Viruet (N.J.)
5. Luis Resto (N.Y.)
6. Manuel Jiminez (P.R.)
7. Greg Stephens (Calif.)
8. Ray Hammond (N.Y.)
9. Johnny Turner (N.Y.)
10. Andy Price (Calif.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Ruben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Danny Lopez (Calif.)
2. Mike Ayala (Texas)
3. Rocky Lockridge (N.J.)
4. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
5. Gerald Hayes (N.J.)
6. Abdul Bey (Hawaii.)
7. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)
8. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
9. Warren Matthews (La.)
10. Fel Clemente (Calif.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: James Scott (N.J.)
1. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
2. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
3. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
4. Michael Spinks (Mo.)
5. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
6. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
7. Jerry Martin (Pa.)
8. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)
9. Pablo Ramos (Ohio)
10. Tommy Evans (Calif.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Willie Rodriguez (Pa.)
1. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
2. Bruce Curry (Texas)
3. Monroe Brooks (Calif.)
4. Ruby Ortiz (N.Y.)
5. Sean Mannion (Mass.)
6. Larry Stanton (N.Y.)
7. Sammy Ayala (Texas)
8. Tony Petronelli (Mass.)
9. Leroy Haley (Nev.)
10. Sal Lopez (Calif.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (Calif.)
2. Javier Flores (Utah)
3. Derrik Holmes (Md.)
4. Frankie Duarte (Calif.)
5. Jaime Garza (Texas)
6. Earl Large (Ariz.)
7. Cookie Valencia (Utah)
8. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)
9. Alfonso Evans (Pa.)
10. Davey Vasquez (N.Y.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marvin Hagler (Mass.)
1. Vito Antuofermo (N.Y.)
2. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
3. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
4. Dwight Davison (Mich.)
5. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
6. Ray Seales (Wash.)
7. Ernie Singletary (Pa.)
8. Roger Leonard (Md.)
9. Sammy NeSmith (Ind.)
10. David Love (Calif.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Howard Davis, Jr. (N.Y.)
1. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
2. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
3. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
4. Herman Montes (Calif.)
5. Andrew Ganigan (Hawaii)
6. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
7. Gonzallo Montellano (Calif.)
8. Reynaldo Zaragoza (Calif.)
9. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
10. Ray Mancini (Ohio)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Jeff Chandler (Pa.)
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
3. Johnny Carter (Pa.)
4. Julian Solis (P.R.)
5. Alberto Sandoval (Calif.)
6. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
7. Andres Torres (P.R.)
8. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
9. Ricardo Varela (Calif.)
10. David Capo (N.Y.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Steve Delgado (Nev.)
1. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
2. Nick Ortiz (P.R.)
3. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
4. Johnny Sullivan (Ore.)
5. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
6. Tyrone Rackley (Ariz.)
7. Zeferino Gonzalez (Calif.)
8. Alvin Anderson (Md.)
9. Bobby Watts (Pa.)
10. Rocky Mosley, Jr. (Nev.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Title Vacant
1. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
2. Bobby Chacon (Calif.)
3. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
4. Arturo Leon (Ariz.)
5. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
6. Ernest Bing (N.J.)
7. Robert Mullens (S.C.)
8. Luke Ervin (N.J.)
9. Alex Aletore (Calif.)
10. Roy Hernandez (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Title Vacant
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Willie Jensen (Nev.)
4. Fred Jackson (Tenn.)
5. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii.)
6. Javier Mendoza (Calif.)
7. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
8. Jose Ortiz (P.R.)
9. Mark Pacheco (Nev.)
10. Candy Iglesias (Ariz.)

Larry Holmes (Pa.), world heavyweight champion; Mike Weaver (Calif.), WBA heavyweight champion; Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pa.), world light heavyweight champion; Eddie Gregory (N.Y.), WBA light heavyweight champion; Ray Leonard (Md.), world welterweight champion; Saoul Mamby (N.Y.), WBC junior welterweight champion; Hilmer Kenty (Mich.), WBA lightweight champion; Samuel Serrano (P.R.), world junior lightweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion; Leo Randolph (Wash.), WBA junior featherweight champion.

Four-rounders: Norberto Figueroa, 140, New York City, ran his record to 3-0 (two kayoes) with a majority decision over Ed Mejia, 141, New York City, who was making his pro debut. Referee Joe Cortez scored it 2-2 in rounds, but 3-2 in points for Figueroa. Judge Carol Castellano had it a 2-2 draw, and judge Ray Kozak had it 3-2, Figueroa. Steve Valencia, 175, New York City, TKO'd Jose Serrano, also 175, New York City, referee Joe Santarpia stopping the contest at 2:03 of the first after Serrano had been down twice from right hands.

Timekeeper — Fred Abbatiello.

Paid attendance — 2,133. Gross — $21,199.13.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OKLAHOMA

▲ OKLAHOMA CITY—Fairgrounds International Building— Promoter Pat O'Grady delivered a fine main event to an estimated 1,000 fans here as Oklahoma City's Frank Newton won a unanimous 12-round decision over Ken Saale in a hard fought bout for the Oklahoma lightweight title.

Newton, Sean O'Grady's sparring partner for the last two years, showed an assortment of punches as he decked his tough opponent in the second and 11th rounds.

The 5'9" 134-pound Newton used good movement and a stinging left jab to dominate the first round. The 25-year-old Saale, 5'6" and 135, is from St. Charles, Missouri, but formerly resided in Oklahoma.

The 23-year-old Newton also used an uppercut to great effect throughout the bout. A short right uppercut downed Saale, who was up quickly at three, in round two.

Newton landed several good straight right hands to take the third round, but Saale got himself into the fight in the fourth. He cut off the ring and used his walk-in style to back Newton to the ropes, where he scored well with punches to the body. Newton tried to tie up Saale, but was guilty of quite a bit of holding in this round, and referee Mickey Banks deducted a point from his score in this round.

The fifth frame was the best action round of the fight. Saale opened up with his best punch of the night, a good right hand to the head of Newton. Just when it looked like Saale was coming on to take charge, Newton landed a very hard left hook to the head that staggered him. Referee Banks deducted a point from Saale in this round for illegal use of the head.

Newton dominated the sixth and seventh rounds with his sharper puncher. Saale had a good eighth round, as he was able to pin Newton on the ropes and score well with both hands to the body.

Newton then came on to dominate the last four rounds by using sharp left jabs and occasional right leads and counters. One of those rights put Saale down momentarily in the 11th round he was up before the ref could start the count. Both fighters showed good conditioning, and the last round was as fast paced as the first.

The two judges both scored 118-110 for Newton, while referee Banks favored the winner 117-111.

Newton, who once beat Bruce Curry in the amateur ranks, now has an 11-0-1 record with seven kayoes. Manager Pat O'Grady thinks Newton, who has shown great improvement in the past few months, is a future world lightweight champion.

"I think with just a little more work," said Newton, "that I'll be ready for the champion. That one draw I got (late last year) was the turning point for me. I saw that if I was going to take this serious, it was going to take a lot of work."

Saale, who had given Kansas City's Steve Homan a rugged battle only 18 days earlier, said that he thought the referee allowed Newton to get away with too much holding, and that, as a result, he could never get a rhythm going in the fight.

When asked to compare the fighting abilities of Newton and Homan, Saale replied that "they're different styles, but Newton is better."

Saale, who is now 10-4 with five kayoes, and his manager Gene Dale both complimented Pat O'Grady on the first class treatment they had received during their stay here.

Sean O'Grady made his first appearance in the ring since mid-December as he boxed two opponents in a four-round exhibition.

The world-rated O'Grady underwent surgery on February 7 to remove scar tissue above both of his eyes. O'Grady, the USBA lightweight champion, sparred two rounds each with Oklahoma City fighters Mark Ford and David Sandoval, wearing headgear to protect his sensitive eyes.

Monte Masters, 205, Oklahoma City, continued unbeaten as a pro as he spoiled the pro debut of Michael Ford, 225, Waurika, Oklahoma, with a right uppercut to the head for a knockout in 2:34 of the first round.

Popular Dennis Horne, 162, Bethany, Oklahoma, kayoed veteran Rocky Mathews, 165, Wellston, Oklahoma, in 1:45 of the sixth and final round. Horne smashed the nose of Mathews into a bloody mess before finishing him off with a right to the mach. Dennis is now 18-4.

The show opener saw both fighters making their professional debuts. Mike "Tank" Williams, 157, a native of Gulfport, Miss. now living in Oklahoma City, knocked out crude Kevin Reidy, 155, a native of New York now living in Thackerville, Oklahoma, in 1:56 of the second round. Former boxer Brian Kelly Burden, who is now the principal at Thackerville High School, worked in Reidy's corner.

RON COPHER

TENNESSEE

▲ MEMPHIS — Holiday Inn Rivermont — George Goforth, St. Louis, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Dan (Rocky) Kiser, Millington, Tenn., in the light heavyweight main event.

Kiser had dropped a six-round decision to Goforth in St. Louis early in his career. The Tennessee fighter had called that one a hometown decision.

The win snapped a three-bout losing skein for Goforth and dropped Kiser's record to 17-4.

Derrick Harrison, Memphis, outscored Arthur Pruitt, Grand Junction, Tenn., six, light heavyweights.

Michael Greer, Memphis, made his pro debut, outpointing Steve Mormino, St. Louis, four, heavyweights. Mormino, the "Italian Bomber," had been undefeated. He's now 4-1 with three kayoes. Jim Howell is Mormino's manager.

Lester Groves, Jonesboro, Arkansas, stopped Woody Pruitt, St. Louis, in the third round of their scheduled four-round middleweight bout. Groves now has a 6-1-1 record.

Rocky McCollum, Cleveland, Miss., outscored Gilbert Marmada, Jonesboro, four, welterweights.

Promoted by Mid-South Professional Boxing, Inc.

▲ MEMPHIS—Holiday Inn Rivermont—Promoters Jack Lazarov and Red Fortner of Mid-South Boxing presented a five-bout card to 1,000 fans. It was another one of their monthly presentations.

The main event saw Dan "Rocky" Kiser, Millington, Tenn., climax a rugged brawl by knocking out Eddie Collins, Meredian, Miss., in the 10th round, heavyweights. Kiser, who appeared behind on points going into the last round, slipped a Collins right and countered with a right cross to the head to send the Mississippi fighter down for the count late in the round. Kiser is now 16-3.

Russell Nations, Birmingham, Alabama, stopped Lester Groves, Jonesboro, Arkansas, in the sixth and final round of their middleweight bout. Groves is now 5-1-1 as a pro.

Charlie Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, knocked out Willie Joe Settles, Parkins, Arkansas, in the sixth and final round of their junior middleweight bout.

Birmingham's Otey Nations, Russell's brother, made a successful pro debut by stopping Chester Jackson, Osceola, Arkansas, in the third round of their scheduled four-rounder, middleweights.

Derrick Harrison, Memphis, knocked out Franklin Otts, Cleveland, Miss., in the second round of their scheduled four-round light heavyweight bout.

RON COPHER

TEXAS

▲ HOUSTON—Sam Houston Coliseum—Antonio Avelar, 112, Guadalajara, pounded journeyman Aniceto Vargas, 108½, Hawaii, into submission with a snappy left jab and vicious licks to the midsection. A crushing right uppercut deposited Vargas on the seat of his pants as the bell ended the fourth stanza, and, although he was able to rise and stagger back to his corner, his chief second, Jim Montoya of Los Angeles, notified referee Chris Jordan that he wouldn't be answering the bell for round five. An impressive outing for the Mexican lad, but here's hoping that promoter Roberto Cantu will bring him back soon against an opponent who will be able to offer him more of a test.

The evening's co-feature saw young Pedro Galaviz, 107½, Guadalajara, halt popular Candelario "Candy" Iglesias, also 107½, Los Angeles, at 1:03 of the sixth round. Galaviz found the "Candy Man" an open target for his crisp uppercuts, and earned a shot at the NABF junior flyweight title held by Joey Olivo with this fine showing.

While these two feature bouts were, to be frank, of the one-sided nature, matchmaker Manuel Boado came up with two other 10-rounders while stole the show from some of the big names on the card. Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 122, Guadalajara, and Gustavo Martinez, 119½, Reynosa, went at each other hammer and tong, tooth and toenail for 10 of the most fiercely contested rounds we've seen around these parts in many months. When the decision, a draw, was announced, the fans rewarded them by throwing over 100 dollars and who knows how many pesos into the ring as a "tip" for a job well done. Needless to say, promoter Cantu immediately signed these two warriors to a return bout contract. The rematch will be staged as the semi-final to the Olivo-Galaviz North American title bout.

Gilbert Villacana, 118½, Houston, won a razor thin decision over Elias DeLeon, 118, Mexico, 10.

Ernesto "Che" Gueverra, 112¼, Mexico, outscored Javier de la Cerda, 112, Houston, six.

Referees—Chris Jordan, Bob Gonzales, Mark Tessman.

Judges—Bob Martin, Bill Yaeger.

Timekeepers—Virgil Reichart, Woody Meyers.

Attending physicians—Jorge Guerrero, M.D., and Ignacio Alpizar, M.D.

Commission inspectors—Henry Villagomez, Tony Galindo.

Paid attendance—2,522.

▲ HOUSTON—Fiesta Palace—The old boxing axion, "kill the body and the head will die," was never better illustrated than in the main event of the latest card at this east side night club. Local youngster Roberto T. Madrid, 137, was hit with every punch in the book by southpaw Kenneth Sheppard, 138½, Port Arthur, in the first four rounds, but, rallied behind a clubbing right to the body to deck Sheppard twice in the fifth round—the second time for good at the 1:40 mark. Sheppard, who appears to have all the necessary tools to be a good boxer, has had only a handful of fights, and simply isn't a "10-round fighter" yet. This is to take nothing away from the curly-headed Madrid, who hasn't impressed the critics, but continues to win and build up a following among the fans. A match between Madrid and undefeated Billy Watkins, Jr. (older brother of Termite) would be a natural.

Undefeated Corpus Christi lightweight Johnny Contreras won a lopsided unanimous decision over Gustavo Rodriguez, 132, Mexico, in the evening's semi-final eight.

Jose Cabrera, 138½, Mexico, kayoed Reynaldo Alvarez, 133, McAllen, Texas, in 0:55 of round two with a hard right to the belly.

Hugo Lozano, 131, Houston, kayoed debuting Willie Sheppard, 127, Port Arthur, in the third. Willie, a brother of Kenneth and Calvin, was knocked out by the first solid blows of this clinch-filled clash to land.

Referees—Bob Gonzales, Mark Tessman.

Judges—Bob Martin, Bill Yaeger.

Timekeepers—Virgil Reichart, W. W. "Woody" Meyers.

Attending physician—Victor Delgado, M.D.

Commission inspector—Tony Galindo.

Attendance—approximately 350.

C. A. JACKSON

▲ EL PASO — Coliseum — Promoter Mike Andrade brought Randy "Tex" Cobb back home to his native state, and Cobb responded with perhaps his finest pro victory. Cobb, who was born in Abilene, Texas but now fights out of Philadelphia, made short work of Mexican heavyweight champion Chebo Hernandez before 1,200 fans.

Cobb, 232, came out punching at the opening bell to dominate his much shorter opponent. He simply overwhelmed Hernandez from the outset with his solid two-hand punching.

Hernandez, 220, Juarez, was knocked down twice in the opening round. Referee Pete Melendez didn't even bother to count after the second knockdown. He simply stopped the bout at 2:12 of the first round.

"I didn't hold anything back," said Cobb. "But no fight is easy. You can't underestimate any fighter. Chebo was full of fight when I knocked him down the first time and he still wanted to fight after I knocked him down the second time."

Cobb, who made his pro debut here, is now 14-0 — all knockouts.

Former Mexican lightweight champion Jose Hernandez, 147, El Paso, kayoed Pedro Carrasco, also 147, Juarez, in 0:29 of the second round. Hernandez is now 23-4 as a pro.

Javier Solis, 142, Juarez, knocked out Francisco "Taco" Peralta, 139, Phoenix, with a left hook in 0:37 of the second round.

Leonardo Martinez, 129, El Paso, stopped Simon Fortunale, 130, Douglas, Arizona, at 0:50 of the fourth round. Martinez is now 3-0.

RON COPHER

UTAH

▲ OGDEN—Weber State College Gymnasium—What does a promoter do when one-half of his featured main event cancels out four days before the bout? That's what RAS Productions had to deal with when a reinjured back sidelined L.A.'s Jose Luis "Pino" Lara before his 10-round featherweight bout with Ogden's own Cookie Valencia.

RAS decided to gamble with a last minute replacement from Mexico and rely on the undercard. The undercard proved "good" at best and the replacement "poor" at best. One Frankie Sandoval lay stretched out in his corner at 0:22 of the first round. Not much more to say. Valencia the winner by a knockout.

Cookie is trying to rebound from a pair of close losses to Javier Flores, who beat him for his Rocky Mountain junior feather-weight title and his Utah State featherweight crown. Valencia is now 16-8 with 11 kayoes.

The "co-main event" saw S. T. Gordon, 193, Las Vegas, kayo Eric Sedillo, 196, Denver, in 2:55 of the fifth round. Sedillo was down three times before the knockout, and the referee could have counted to 100. Gordon is 13-3-1 with 12 knockouts, and Sedillo, a former sparring partner for Ron Lyle, is 14-2.

Gene Torgenson, Layton, Utah, took a close decision over Angelo "Italian Stallion" Marchetti, Helper, Utah, six. Torgenson is now 2-1, while Marchetti is even at 1-1.

Salt Lake City's undefeated welter, Davey "Fireball" Ramos, scored a quick first round kayo over Antonio Garcia.

Chris Johnson, Denver, scored an impressive TKO over New York's heavier Marty Gerelich. The scheduled six-round lightweight bout ended when a right by Johnson dropped Gerelich, and the referee stopped the contest at 1:42 of the third session.

▲ SALT LAKE CITY—Fairgrounds Coliseum—Junior featherweight Javier Flores is making a habit of being involved in some of the best fights seen in Utah. A few months ago, he and Cookie Valencia staged two of the most exciting fights in Utah boxing history, with Flores taking two close decisions. His fight with L.A.'s Jose Resendiz was very reminiscent of those two fights, except that Flores was on the receiving end of a close points loss. This evened up a three-bout series with Resendiz, which had included a draw in the first fight and a close decision for Flores in the second.

Joe Silva produced another excellent card for a full house, and the 10-round main event was non-stop all the way. Halfway through the fight, Flores' corner decided to try it southpaw, hoping to confuse the southpaw Resendiz. It didn't work, however, since Resendiz switched to a right stance himself.

In between rounds six and seven, the ringwise Marv Jensen, former manager of the great Gene Fullmer, decided to have Flores resort to an old tactic of Gene's—covering up and wading in to get inside and work close in. The method was effective, but came too late. Javier probably won the last four rounds with uppercuts but could not match the points Jose took in the first half of the fight. Judge Del Markham scored it 96-95, Resendiz; Gib Gillespie voted 97-96, Flores; and Bob Yocum gave it to Resendiz, 97-95.

Flores promptly offered Resendiz a shot at his State feathreweight title, with the winner going against North American junior featherweight champion Nicky Perez. Flores, ranked fifth by the North American Boxing Federation, is now 29-6-3, while Resendiz, ranked seventh by the NABF, is now 30-5-1.

Santos Moreno, Mexico, TKO'd Earl "Steamboat" Young, Salt Lake City. Young failed to come out for the fifth round. Moreno is now 25-1-1 and hopes to get a shot at the winner of the Flores-Resendiz Utah State title bout.

Steve Huntington kayoed Freddie News in the second round, heavyweights. Huntington is undefeated in 10 bouts.

Memo Arreola, Los Angeles, took a close decision over Davey "Fireball" Ramos, Salt Lake City. It was Ramo's first loss.

FRANCIS JACOBS

WASHINGTON

▲ TACOMA—Leo Randolph, Tacoma's world-ranked bantamweight, kayoed Tony Rocha, 122, Houston, Texas, in 1:22 of the second round with a solid left hook to the jaw. The victory gave Randolph an 18-1 pro record and a shot at WBA junior featherweight champion Ricardo Cardona.

Davey Armstrong, the number one ranked 132-pounder in the U.S., made a successful pro debut by outpointing Miguel Hernandez, 135, Mexico City, six. Armstrong floored Hernandez in the fifth.

In other scheduled 10-round bouts: Monroe Brooks, Santa Monica, Calif., TKO'd Miguel Sanchez, 141, Mexicali, Mexico, in the second round. Daryl Jones, 161, Cincinnati, Ohio, won unanimous decision over Paul Pacheco, San Diego. J.B. Williamson, 160, Indianapolis, TKO'd Dan Kirk, Portland, Oregon, at 1:20 of the first round. Perscell Davis, Santa Monica, stopped Raul Gorosito, Argentina, at 2:10 of the first round, heavyweights.

The Muhammad Ali Sports Promotions card drew 1,609 fans, grossing $14,283.

▲ PORT TOWNSEND—Muhammad Ali and other fistic dignitaries attended the funeral services for Chuck Robinson. Robinson, the fifth-ranked 156-pounder in the United States, lost his life in the plane crash that wiped out the U.S. Amateur Boxing Team in Poland.

Chuck Robinson had won just about every Golden Gloves tournament in the Pacific Northwest during his high school days. He had been fighting for Muhammad Ali's boxing team in Santa Monica, California.

RUGGLES LARSON

CANADA

ALBERTA

▲ EDMONTON — Ron Rouselle, Toronto, scored an upset. He knocked out Edmonton's Ken LeCosta in the second round of their feature heavyweight bout. Rouselle is a protege of George Chuvalo.

Unbeaten Wayne Caplette, Winnipeg, stopped Vancouver's Steve Tohill in the fourth round, light heavyweights.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

▲ VANCOUVER — Nanaimo heavyweight Gord Racette continued his winning ways when he iced Samoan Mike Siva, now of Seattle, in 2:30 of the first heat. A right hook floored Siva for the full count.

The semi-main saw Jerry "Mack Truck" Reddick, Victoria and Halifax middle, remain unbeaten, halting veteran Dave Simmonds, Surrey, in the second round after three knockdowns. Simmonds, now 9-2-1, is talking retirement.

Heavyweight Brent Racette, Gordie's brother, won his fourth pro fight, outpointing Fili Savini, Samoa, over four.

Grey Owens, Bellingham, stopped Rick Haizer, Vancouver, at the end of the second in a hard fought middleweight tiff.

Muhinder Khun Khun, Burnaby, stopped Kelly Green, Surrey, two, lightweights. Brian Smith, Burnaby, won a split duke over Mario Semmens, Vancouver, is a pier-six brawl with seven knockdowns, heavyweights. Daryl Huff, White Rock, iced Jake Nelson in the first round, heavies.

JIM JOHNSTON

MEXICO

CHIAPAS

▲ TAPACHULA — Ismael "Zorro Morales, 111, TKO'd Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, in five. Ramiro Garcia, 134, retained his Chiapas State lightweight title, knocking out Francisco "Paco" Mendoza, 135, in four. Raul de la Paz, 117, kayoed Erasmo Arreola, 118, in four.

COAHUILA

▲ MONCLOVA — Reynaldo "Charrito" Guadarrama, 128, knocked out Fernando "Coloradito" Ruiz, 125, in five. Chucho Cazares, 121, outscored Rosendo "Chamaco" Garcia, 120, 10.

▲ PIEDRAS NEGRAS — Veteran Celso Olivas, 147, won the Mexican welterweight title by outscoring Jose Figueroa, also 147, 12. Jose Luis Cruz, 113, stopped Lucio Garcia, 112, in five. Benjamin Moreno, 114, halted Benito Morales, 114, in five.

DISTRICTO FEDERAL

▲ MEXICO CITY — Jorge Ramirez, 117, TKO'd Juan Alvarez, 118, in nine. Guillermo Vallejo, 117, TKO'd Rosendo "Rocky" Alonso, 118, in three. Francisco Gonzalez, 117, outscored Jose Acosta, also 117, 10. Gustavo Baleon, 135, TKO'd Noberto Mendoza, 134, in two. Eugenio "Pirata" Morgan, 118, outpointed Eleuterio Flores, 117, four.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Carmelo Ibarra, 135, TKO'd Jesus "Chucho" Ramirez, 133, in six. Sergio Sanchez, 145, knocked out Francisco Torres, 146, in five. Mario Ochoa, 120, TKO'd Severiano Mendoza, 126, in five. Moises Mendez, 114, TKO'd Carlos Velazquez, 115, in the first round.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Federico Carreno, 125, kayoed Javier "Memin" Barcenas, also 125, in three. Rafael Morales, 111, outpointed Carlos de la Paz, 112,10. Antonio Lopez, 123, TKO'd Castulo Hernandez, 124, in three. Ismael Rojas, 117, decisioned Ray de la Cruz, also 117, six. Agustin Vicenteno, 115, halted Roberto Vargas, 116, in two.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Jose Luis Escalante, 135, outscored Angel Marta, also 135, 10. Fidel Martinez, 111, TKO'd Baltazar Espana, 110, in seven. Benny Flores, 112, iced Juan Atilano, 111, in one. Martin Perez, 110, kayoed Pedro Rivera, 111, in five. Juan Gomez, 114, TKO'd Pedro Moctezuma, 115, in one.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Victor Abraham, 148, U.S.A., outpointed Jose Duarte, 149, 10. Jorge "Martillo" Flores, 210, stopped Memo Vargas, 204, in two. Cayetano Correa, 133, TKO'd Trinidad Aguirre, 132, in one. Pedro Molina, 133, won by disqualification over Mauricio Aceves, also 133, in three. Jesus Becerra, 111, and Miro Rosales, 110, drew, four.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Carlos Ibarra, 126, outscored Antonio Arcos, 128, 10. Reyes Gonzalez, 124, TKO'd Fidencio Gonzalez, 124, in one.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Candido Tellez, 107, knocked out Lupe Madera, also 107, in three. Luis Enrique Garcia, 107, outscored Pedro Moreno, 106, 10. Joel Segura, 116, ITKO'd Federico Nunez, 114, in seven. Jose Luis Avila, 116, TKO'd Julio Ruiz, also 116, in three. Daniel Cuamani, 115, outpointed Efrain Pinto, 116, four.

GUERRERO

▲ ACAPULCO — Victor "Costeno" Hernandez, 111, halted Joel Gatica, 113, in three. Balam Torres, 123, outpointed Manuel Valderrama, also 123, 10.

▲ ACAPULCO — "Chilango" Pacheco, 124, outscored Carmelo "Chino" Montes, also 124, 10.

▲ ACAPULCO — Ciro Cayetano, 118, kayoed Manuel Reyes, 117, in four. Javier Lagos, 118, knocked out Benjamin Velazquez, 117, in one. Elpidio Infante, 120, kayoed Juan Carlos Alvarado, 121, in the first.

▲ ACAPULCO — David "Maceton" Cabrera, 178, halted Raul Landeros, 179, in two.

JALISCO

▲ GUADALAJARA — Baldo Gonzalez, 112, TKO'd Roberto "Lobita" Ramirez, 111, in two. Rodolfo "Dorado" Martinez, 114, won by disqualification over Manuel Torres, also 114, in three.

▲ GUADALAJARA — Ray "Pelon" Rodriquez, 116, knocked out Miguel Ruiz, 115, in one.

▲ GUADALAJARA — Delfino Mendoza, 125, stopped Roberto Alonso, also 125, in five.

NUEVO LEON

▲ MONTERREY — Jorge Zapata, 134, TKO'd Jorge Rocha, 133, in six.

SONORA

▲ HERMOSILLO — Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 119, and Jose Luis Soto, 117, drew, 10.

▲ HERMOSILLO — Norberto Cabrera, 118, retained his Mexican bantamweight title by outpointing Jose Angel Cazares, also 118, 12.

TAMAULIPAS

▲ REYNOSA — Chuy Miranda, 117, outpointed Manny Castillo, also 117, 10.

▲ REYNOSA — Ruben Gonzalez, 126, outpointed Gonzalo "Caballo" Gonzalez, 125, 10.

VERACRUZ

▲ ALAMO — Gonzalo Lovera, 129, outpointed Jorge Castillo, 130, 10.

▲ COATZACOALCOS — Ignacio Espinal, 111, Dominican Republic, stopped Juan Jose Guzman, 112, in three. Ricardo "Finito" Lopez, 111, halted Abel Vargas, 112, in six.

YUCATAN

▲ MERIDA — Paulino Canche, 118, TKO'd Jose "Shibata" Ruiz, 119, in eight. Elpideo Valdez, 140, TKO'd Juan "Dinamita II" Hernandez, 143, in two. Manuel Hong, 111, flattened Chucho Gutierrez, 112, in three. Evelio Chan, 110, outscored Rafael Sosa, 109, four. Serafin Chan, 108, outpointed Alberto Chuc, also 108, four.

EDUARDO AMER G.

PUERTO RICO

▲ SAN JUAN — Channel 7 Studio — Middleweight Cano Betancourt returned from an unsuccessful tour of New York rings and scored a seventh round TKO over Jose Collante in an action packed scheduled 10-round main event.

Cano was hard pressed in the early rounds, but a bad cut over the bridge of Jose's nose forced commission doctor Amoury Capella to call a halt at 2:25 of the seventh round.

Betancourt is now scheduled to face Nick Ortiz in what should be an exciting fight between two real bangers.

Victor Acosta TKO'd Vicente Quinones in the fifth round of the semi-main event.

▲ SAN JUAN — Channel 7 Studio — Felix Pintor won a 10-round split decision over faster moving Jose Vallejo, Dominican Republic.

Vallejo, who recently put a scare into Esteban DeJesus' title aspirations when he knocked the former champion down, did not punch with the authority that Pintor did.

Julio Guzman kayoed Angel Rivera in 2:25 of the sixth round in their scheduled eight-round bout.

Marcelino Flores kayoed Daniel Acosta in 2:48 of the second round.

Americo Rivera outscored Efrain Cotto, four. Rivera was on the canvas, but came back to floor Rivera twice and win the contest.

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ PORT-OF-SPAIN — Claude Noel, 134¼, lightweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, won a unanimous decision over Michael Reid, also 134¼, lightweight champion of Guyana, in 10 rounds before 3,000 fans.

All Reid had to offer was a right that missed its mark more often than it landed on Noel's body. Noel went down in round five, but referee Lawrence Assam ruled it a slip.

Michael Parson, 139, Trinidad and Tobago, won unanimous decision 10-round over Fitzroy Guisseppi, 142, Belize. Parson went down for an eight-count in the fourth round, but Guisseppi had no answer to the right that raised a bump over his left eye in round three.

Michael Drayton, 128¾ featherweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, won unanimous decision over Edwin Rivera, 126, Puerto Rico, 10. Drayton floored Rivera for an eight-count in the fourth round, but the Puerto Rican came back, cut his lip, and had him in trouble in the ninth.

Lloyd (Shadow) George, 133, Trinidad, won unanimous decision over Jose Luis Lopez, 132, Puerto Rico, eight.

The card was promoted by Victor Sammy and sponsored by Dansteel, Ltd.

GEORGE C. BECKLES

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▲ COLON — Panama Al Brown Arena — Luis Avila, 121½, Panama, TKO'd Henry Ruiz, 122, Nicaragua, at 1:43 of the 11th round in their scheduled 12-rounder for the Central American and Caribbean junior featherweight title.

Ulises Morales, 124½, Panama, won a split decision over Francisco Gonzalez, 123, Nicaragua, 10. Scores: 98-96 and 99-98, Morales; 98-97, Gonzalez.

Enrique Maxwell, 130½, Panama, TKO'd Roberto "Barnabas" Collins, 136½, Costa Rica, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Reynaldo Hidalgo, 130¼, Panama, TKO'd Norberto Ramirez, 134¼, Costa Rica, at 2:15 of the third round in thier scheduled 10.

Alcibiades Blandon, 122¼, stopped Carlos Worrell, 120, at 1:57 of the first round of their scheduled eight.

Benjamin Zapata, 131½, Panama, kayoed Estanislao Garcia, 127, Nicaragua, in the second.

Pascual Patterson, 126¼, kayoed Luis Riviere, 127¼, in the fourth.

Receipts — $4,308.00

▲ PANAMA CITY — Gimnasio Neco de la Guardia — Hector Carrasquilla, 137, Panama, knocked out Ricardo Garcia, 139½, Nicaragua, in the second round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Felix Rodriguez, 122, won unanimous decision over Cristobal Ramos, 123¼, 10.

Jorge Alvarado, 126½, won unanimous decision over Ricardo Chavez, 127, eight.

Melguiades Caballero, 110¼, kayoed Carlos Caicedo, 109¾, in the fifth round of their scheduled six-rounder.

Angel Asprilla, 120¼, won unanimous decision over Domingo Castillo, 118½, four.

RAQUEL M. TORRES

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲ ORDONEZ—Pedro Burki kayoed Alberto Castillo, eight, featherweights.

▲ GENERAL ALVEAR—Alfredo Busseta outpointed Roberto Paez, junior middleweights.

▲ GENERAL VILLEGAS—Antonio Juarez, 147, outpointed Ramon Quintana, 153¾, 10.

▲ GENERAL PINEDO—Omar Mendoza won a technical decision over Hector Ferreira, six, lightweights.

▲ CENTENARIO—Jose Maria Lopez, 136¾, outpointed Pedro Vargas, 136.

▲ MARCOS JUAREZ—Raul Colombo, 137, and Jose Colossi, 145¾, drew, 10.

▲ CIPOLLETTI—Jorge Gomez, 115, kayoed Victor Velazquez, three.

BUENOS AIRES

▲ BAHIA BLANCA—Club Olimpo—Former Argentine welterweight champion Simon Escobar, 146¾, halted Hugo Albarez, 149¼, seven. Felipe Baez, 132¼, kayoed Jorge Gonzalez, also 132¼, eight.

▲ ZARATE—Carlos Villanueva and Orlando Franco drew, eight, lightweights.

▲ MAR DEL PLATA—Kimberley Stadium—Argentine junior lightweight champion Ruben Riani, 132¾, kayoed local Ruben Stamulli, 129½, in the fifth round of a non-title bout. Lorenzo Fernandez, 152, won a technical decision over Jorge Conti, 151½, five.

▲ TANDIL—Argentine and South American heavyweight champion Domingo D'Elia, 210¼, and Norberto Fiori, 250, drew, 12. D'Elia retaining his national title.

▲ PILAR—Oscar Fatima Barrios stopped Osvaldo Eguillor in the first round, middleweights.

▲ CAMPANA—Marcelino Ruiz Diaz outpointed Carlos Rm 0, eight, junior middleweights.

▲ BAHIA BLANCA—Club Olimpo—Miguel Angel Gonzalez, 137, outscored Ramon Gonzalez, 136¼, 10. Raul Torres outpointed Mario Arreguez, eight, lightweights.

▲ TANDIL—Juan Carlos Sosa, 194, regained his Argentine cruiserweight title, outscoring Miguel Angel Paez, 198¼, 12.

▲ SAN PEDRO—Mesus Ibandez and Carlos Flores Burlon drew, 10, light heavyweights.

▲ SAN PEDRO—Lorenzo Garcia, 135, and Juan Zuniga, 135½, drew, 10.

▲ ZARATE—Faustino Barrios and Nestor Gundin, no contest, one, junior lightweights.

▲ TANDIL—Cesar Villarruel outscored Juan Espindola, 10. Villarruel is waiting for a title shot at Argentine junior featherweight champion Sergio Palma.

▲ MAR DEL PLATA—Kimberley Stadium—Local prospect Ubaldo "Ubby" Sacco, 137½, kayoed Ramon Allende, 141¼, three. Sacco is still undefeated.

CHACO

▲ PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Hipolito Nunez, 128½, outpointed Domingo CAsco, 129, 10. Ricardo Cisneros outscored Martin Duran; eight, welterweights.

▲ VILLA ANGELA—Ramon Emilio Tevez stopped Roberto Osuna, three, welterweights.

▲ PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Victor Escobar, 130, outpointed Santiago Lopez, 133¼, 10.

▲ VILLA ANGELA—Angel Caro, 156½, outpointed Irineo Cabrera, 158¾.

CHUBUT

▲ TRELEW—Ramon "Moncho" Dominguez, 123¼, outpointed Diego Vega Ramirez, 122½, Paraguay, 10.

CORDOBA

▲ CRUZ DEL EJE—Oscar Frias and Raul "Pato" Aguero, drew, 10, lightweights.

▲ CORDOBA—Redes Cordobesas Stadium—Juan Domingo Suarez, 178¾, kayoed Candido Barrera, 174¼, three.

▲ RIO IV—Jose M. Lopez retained his Cordoba State bantamweight title, outpointing former Argentine champion Jose Casas, 12.

▲ VILLA MARIA—Roberto Petrizani kayoed Raul Gomez, eight, lightweights. Jose Luis Guevara kayoed Roberto Troilo Ortiz, six, middleweights.

▲ RIO III—Ramon Peralta outscored Alfredo Campos, 10, welterweights. Rafael Zalazar outpointed Daniel Murua, 10, lightweights.

▲ ALTA GRACIA—Juan Cortez outpointed Juan Jose Espindola, bantamweights.

▲ CORDOBA—Redes Cordobesas Stadium—Adrian Roman outpointed Jose Izquierdo, 10. Roman, still undefeated, is second in the Argentine flyweight ratings.

▲ VILLA MARIA—Hugo Sergio Quartapelle, 138, retained his Cordoba State junior welterweight title, outscoring Rafael Zalazar, 139¾, 12. Quartapelle, who lives in Mendoza, is the disciple of Paco Bermudez, the man who handled Nicolino Loche, Jorge Ahumada, and Gustavo Bilas.

▲ RIO IV—Juan "Brujo" Cabral, 145¾, outpointed Alberto Prieto, 140, 10.

▲ CORDOBA—Argentine flyweight champion Santos Laciar, 112½, and Ruben Condori, also 112½, drew in a non-title bout. Condori is ranked third in Argentina.

DISTRICTO FEDERAL

▲ BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—The area's first program of 1980 saw Gustavo Ballas, 113¼, win a unanimous decision over Venezuela's Rigoberto Marcano, also 113¼. Ballas is now 31-0-1. He's the greatest prospect in the country. Hector Patri, 109, outpointed Domingo Aragon, 112¾, 10. Humberto Torres, 119¾, outscored Raul Pared, 121½, six. Marcelo Romero, 139¼, kayoed Ruben Lizarra, 140. Gate: $100,000 (U.S.)

▲ BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Argentine and South American welterweight champion Tito Yanni, 147, TKO'd Horacio Agustin Saldano, also 147, who was unable to answer the bell for round six of their titular war. Juan "Martillo" Roldan, 162, kayoed Alfredo Cruz, 163¼, seven. Manuel Alvarez, 145¾, outpointed Ramon Abeldano, 147, six. Ramon Fabas, 136½, outscored Omar Garcia, 134, six. Gate: $150,000 (U.S.) No TV.

▲ BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Argentine junior welterweight champion Roberto Alfaro, 139¾, outpointed Hugo Luero, 139¼, 12, to win the South American title. This was Alfaro's second win over Luero. He had won the Argentine title by beating Luero in Mar del Plata. Alfaro is managed by former Argentine meddleweight champion Hector Mora and trains in Mendoza. Roberto Ruiz, 158½, won a technical decision over Carlos Flores, 160, seven. CArlos Velazquez, 152¾, outpointed Guillermo Lopez, 154½, six. Jose Araujo, 155¾, outscored Ricardo Ruiz, 156, six.

ENTRE RIOS

▲ COLON—Former Argentine welterweight champion Ricardo "Palito" Magallanes outscored Lorenzo Fernandez, 10.

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Osvaldo Ocasio (P.R.)
3. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
4. Miguel Angel Paez (Argentina)
5. Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
6. Pablo Castellino (Argentina)
7. Norberto Fiori (Argentina)
8. Chebo Hernandez (Mexico)
9. Ismael Ruiz (Mexico)
10. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
2. Luis Lozano (Panama)
3. Ruben Zamora (Argentina)
4. Wendell Joseph (Trinidad)
5. Ruben Gonzalez (Argentina)
6. Waldemar Paulino (Brazil)
7. Elias Equihua (Mexico)
8. Roberto Aguilar (Argentina)
9. Juan Espinola (Chile)
10. Faustino Quinales (Venezuela)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Mexico)
2. Juan D. Suarez (Argentina)
3. Abel C. Bailone (Argentina)
4. Erne Barr (Bahamas)
5. Ramon Cerrezuela (Argentina)
6. Maceton Cabrera (Mexico)
7. Leo Rogers (D.R.)
8. Vincente Avila (Panama)
9. Candido Barrera (Argentina)
10. Rumildo Bolivar (Peru)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Fulgencio Obel (Venezuela)
2. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
3. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)
4. Ruben Pardo (Argentina)
5. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
6. Marcelo Quinones (Peru)
7. Jose Burlon (Argentina)
8. Miguel A. Castellini (Argentina)
9. Norberto Cabrera (Argentina)
10. Jose Alberto Vega (Argentina)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
2. Carlos Herrera (Argentina)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Joao Henrique (Brazil)
5. Walter Gomez (Argentina)
6. Nicanor Camacho (Colombia)
7. Sandy Torres (P.R.)
8. Jose Baquedano (Mexico)
9. Jesus "Pecho" Castro (D.R.)
10. Fighting Jim Richards (Curacao)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Eddie Marcelle (Trinidad)
3. Tito Yanni (Argentina)
4. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
5. Ricardo Magallanes (Argentina)
6. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)
7. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
8. Daniel Gonzalez (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Guerrero Chavez (Venezuela)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
2. Miguel Montilla (D.R.)
3. Zenon Silgado (Colombia)
4. Juan Jose Gimenez (Argentina)
5. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
6. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
7. Tommy Ortiz (Panama)
8. Teodoro Osuna (Dominican Rep.)
9. Hugo Luero (Argentina)
10. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (D.R.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
2. Vilomar Fernandez (D.R.)
3. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
4. Leonidas Asprillas (Colombia)
5. Julio (Diablito) Valdez (D.R.)
6. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
8. Betillo Gutierrez (Mexico)
9. Alfredo Pitalua (Colombia)
10. Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz (D.R.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
2. Ruben Riani (Argentina)
3. Victor Echegaray (Argentina)
4. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)
5. Reynaldo Hidalgo (Panama)
6. Idelfonso Bethelmy (Venezuela)
7. Leonel Hernandez (Venezuela)
8. Hector Carrasquilla (Panama)
9. Justo Garcia (Mexico)
10. Cocoa Sanchez (D.R.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Juan Malvarez (Argentina)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Rodolfo Francis (Panama)
4. Raul "Huracan" Silva (Costa Rica)
5. Carlos Pinago (Venezuela)
6. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)
7. Enrique Solis (P.R.)
8. Lobo Morales (Mexico)
9. Manuel Julio (Colombia)
10. Rumualdo Garces (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Sergio Palma (Argentina)
2. Nestor "Baba"Jimenez (Colombia)
3. Ruben Valdez (Colombia)
4. Carlos Mendoza (Panama)
5. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
6. Luis Avila (Panama)
7. Leonardo Cruz (Dominican Republic)
8. Jacinto Fuentes (Panama)
9. Jose Cervantes (Colombia)
10. Miguel Bejarano (Nicaragua)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Julian Solis (P.R.)
2. Jose F. Uziga (Argentina)
3. Ricardo Bennett (Panama)
4. Norberto Cabrera (Mexico)
5. Chuyin Lopez (Mexico)
6. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)
8. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
9. Jose Cueto (Panama)
10. Jose Narvaez (Argentina)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
2. Luis Ibarra (Panama)
3. Betulio Gonzalez (Venezuela)
4. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
5. Jose Gallegos (Mexico)
6. Alfonso Lopez (Panama)
7. Freddy Castillo (Mexico)
8. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
9. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
10. Ramon Soria (Argentina)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
1. Martin Vargas (Chile)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Rodolfo Rodriguez (Argentina)
4. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
5. Jovito Rengifo (Venezuela)
6. Rafael Pedroza (Panama)
7. Hector Rey Melendez (D.R.)
8. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
9. Rudy Crawford (Nicaragua)
10. Jose Loor (Ecuador)

FORMOSA

▲ **FORMOSA**—Raul Bianco outscored Omar Almada, 10, featherweights.

JUJUY

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Hector Rosa, 145¾, halted Simon Ortigoza, 124¾, seven. Enrique Coronel outpointed Jose Fernandez, 10, junior welters.

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Enrique Coronel outscored veteran Hector Caceres. 10, junior middles.

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Pedro Cesar Duarte, 174, stopped Adolfo Salvatierra, also 174. Hector Rosa, 122¼, kayoed Ubaldo Villalba, 123½, one.

LA PAMPA

▲ **GENERAL PICO**—Juan Zuniga, 135½, Chile, outpointed local Justino Heredia, 134½.

▲ **CATRILO**—Juan "Brujo" Cabral outpointed Pablo Ferreyra, 10, junior middles.

LA RIOJA

▲ **LA RIOJA**—Raul "Nico" Perez, 120½, outpointed Marcelo, also 120½, 10.

MENDOZA

▲ **MENDOZA—Pascual Perez Stadium**—Local prospect Jose Rufino Narvaez outpointed former Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Julio Cesar Saba, 12. Cirilo Ruiz kayoed Jose Sanchez, six, junior welterweights. Juan Saucedo and Miguel Dominguez drew, eight, welters.

▲ **MENDOZA**—Jorge "Violin" Salgado outpointed Carlos Pouyannes, 10, light heavyweights. Salgado is a former sparring partner of Victor Galindez.

RIO NEGRO

▲ **GENERAL ROJA**—Jorge Gomez kayoed Carlos Totaro, eight, featherweights.

SALTA

▲ **SALTA—Club Stadium**—Local Alfredo Lucero kayoed veteran Rogelio Zarza, seven, junior middleweights.

▲ **SALTA—Club Stadium**—Luis Alvarez outpointed Ramon "Moncho" Dominguez, 10, junior featherweights.

▲ **SALTA**—Alfredo Lucero, 151¾, kayoed Hugo Trujillo, 153½, three, to win the Salta State junior middleweight title.

SAN JUAN

▲ **SAN JUAN**—Former Argentine lightweight champion Nicolas Arkuszyn, 137¾, outpointed Miguel Figuroeoa, 135¼.

SANTA FE

▲ **ROSARIO—Club Sportivo America**—Enrique Contreras, 153¾, and Manuel Francisco Gonzalez, 152, drew, 12, Contreras retaining his Santa Fe State junior middleweight title.

▲ **SAN LORENZO**—Gabriel Sanchez, 135, outpointed Luis Quevedo, 134½, 10.

▲ **ROSARIO—Club Sportivo America**—Ruben Granado, 124¼, outscored Adolfo Felice, 122.

▲ **SAN JUSTO**—Southpaw Carlos Manuel del Valle Herrera, 153¼, kayoed Brazilian veteran Joao Tevarez, 154, in the fourth round. Herrera is waiting for a shot at the WBC junior middleweight title held by Maurice Hope. Jacinto Fernandez, 159¾, kayoed Peruvian veteran Marcelo Quinonez, 160, eight.

▲ **ROSARIO—Club Sportivo America**—Julio Melone, 135½, Cordoba, outscored Oscar Alvarenga, also 135½, 10.

▲ **VENADO TUERO**—Ramon Peralta outpointed Jorge Morello, 10, welters.

▲ **ROSARIO**—Omar Salguero, 144¼, won a technical decision over Cirilo Ruiz, 146¾, six.

TUCUMAN

▲ **SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Local Roberto Ruiz, 159¾, kayoed Oscar Aquero, 158¼, in two. Santiago Portillo, 147¼, stopped Roberto Ale Ali, 146½.

▲ **SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN**—South American middleweight champion Ruben Hector Pardo and Julio Arancibia drew, 10, non-title.

▲ **SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN**—Juan Barboza, 137¾, outpointed Viterman Sanchez, also 137¾, 10.

▲ **SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—There were two scheduled 10-round bouts. Local Ramon Rodriguez kayoed Jorge Alegre in the first round, flyweights. Santiago Portillo kayoed Rodolfo Rojas, two, welters.

CARLOS IRUSTA

COLOMBIA

▲ MONTERIA — Miguel (Happy) Lora, Colombia, TKO'd Justo Goeryey, Dominican Republic, who was unable to answer the bell for the third round. Lora is managed by Oscar Gomez.

Amansio Castro, Monteria, and Wilson Mosquera, Buenaventura, drew, 10. It was the best fight of the evening.

Southpaw Luis Rivera, Monteria, outpointed Alfonso Perez, Cartagena, 10, junior lightweights.

Tomas Polo, Colombia, outscored Charles Hamonth, Guyana, 10.

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

GUYANA

▲ GEORGETOWN — National Park — Patrick Ford, 126, kayoed Nelson Cruz Tamariz, also 126, Dominican Republic, in 0:14 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10-round bout.

Tamariz went down from a tap to the body in the fourth round, got up at the count of seven, and went back down from a grazing left hand to the head. This time, he stayed down for the count before he got up and walked to his corner.

It was one of the most horrible presentations this correspondent has ever seen.

Derek McKenzie, 137½, outpointed Clifford (Piggy) Griffith, 137, 10.

Christopher Bowen, 123, won a highly controversial decision over Walter Smith, 124, six.

Jeff Roberts, 115, won unanimous decision over Lennox Gray, 115½, six. Both were making their professional debuts.

LLOYD W. BLACKMOORE

EUROPE

BERLIN had its first professional show in 15 months, and nearly 2,000 filled the mini New World arena, most of whom were Turks and Yugoslavs together with half a dozen Germans. European junior middleweight champion Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, needed a good win after losing to Sandy Torres and ten sharing points with Italian Damiano Lassandro last February to retain his European crown. This he achieved at the expense of the New Jersey champion, Freddie Boynton, the latter being kayoed in the third. The American gave Benes a boxing lesson but was finally caught with a right hook to the jaw and was counted out resting on one knee. Boynton, a Golden Gloves winner in his amateur days, is the guy who broke former WBC champion Rocky Mattioli's jaw when they met in Milan before being stopped in the seventh.

Jo Kimpuani defending his European junior welterweight crown before a crowd of 2,500 against fellow Frenchman Christian Gracia, was handicapped by a damaged knee and was unable to leverage his punches properly. A fit Kimpuani would probably have taken Gracia out in the first six or seven rounds says Paul Kennet, who was at the ring apron. As it was, Gracia, benefiting from Kimpuani's injury, fought the fight of his life and came very near to dethroning the champion. Kimpuani still had a lot to spare and won narrowly on points. Many saw the points shared, a verdict which would have been fairer to Gracia and still allowed the champion to retain his crown. Kimpuani has lost only two of his 54 starts, and this was Gracia's third defeat in 18 outings.

37-year-old Cemal Kamaci, European junior welter champion in 1972 and again in 1975, still dreams of ruling Europe a third time. In Berlin, however, he lost a close call to fellow Turk Ethem Ozakalin over 10 rounds. The bout was a close affair and perhaps a draw would have been more acceptable.

Junior middleweight champion of Europe Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, based in Berlin, disappointed, drawing with Italian Damiano Lassandro, 12 rounds in Italy, to retain his crown.

European light heavyweight champion Rudi Koopmans, Holland, knocked out Canadian Tony Dowling in a little over two minutes of the first round. Koopmans hopes to meet world champion Matthew Saad Muhammad, later this year.

Several friends have passed on recently. Briton Wally Thom (53), Frenchman Emile Pladner (73), and German Wilhelm Kors (70). Thom won the European welterweight crown, beating Frenchman Gilbert Lavoine, at Liverpool on August 26, 1954 and then made a successful defense against fellow countryman Lew Lazar before losing his title to Frenchman Idrissa Dione a year later. Pladner won the NBA flyweight title, beating Frankie Genaro in Paris on April 18, 1929. Kors was a prominent promoter with 34 shows to his credit. He matched Hein ten Hoff with Walter Neusel for the German heavyweight title on September 18, 1949 and 25,000 filled the arena. This is more than saw the 14 promotions in the whole of Germany last year.

On a more cheerful note, Gustav Scholz celebrated his 50th birthday on April 12th. Scholz won the European crown, beating Frenchman Charles Humez on October 4, 1958 and, in 1962, lost on points to world light heavyweight champion Harold Johnson in Berlin.

European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon, Spain, retained his crown, outscoring Emilio Barcala, Italy, 12. Barcala should have met the champion in December last, but had to withdraw because of an injury. Castanon met Ferreira instead, but his title was not at stake as reported. European title fights in 1979 were 26 and not 27.

AUSTRIA

▲ **VIENNA**—Welters: Herbert Trausmuth kayoed Franz Hohl, two. Light heavyweights: Mandu Refair kayoed Kurt Oerter, four. Heavyweights: Helmut Owessle TKO'd Hans Michel, one.

BELGIUM

▲ **GENTBRUGGE**—Bantamweights: Mohammed Maalen outscored Rafael Blanco, six.

▲ **MIDDEKERKE**—Welters: Franky Decaestecker decisioned Antonio Casado, eight. Lightweights: Andre Blanco and Patrick Drelon drew, six.

▲ **LA LOUVIERE**—Lightweights: Angelo Licata and Joel Moulin drew, six.

▲ **SCHERPEN HEUVEL**—Welterweights: Alex Beynaerts and Rafael Salamone drew, six.

FRANCE

▲ **PALAISEAU**—Middles: Michael Moinard TKO'd Cyrille Barbe, one.

▲ **CAEN**—Bantams: Dominque Piedeleu TKO'd Salvatore Laconi, four.

▲ **VILLEUBANNE**—Feb. 15th. Lightweights: Albert Amatler outscored Alain Le Fol, eight.

▲ **MARSEILLES**—Light heavyweights: Richard Caramanolis outscored Bojan Sverzina, six.

▲ **CARRIERES SUR SEINE**—Mar. 1st. Feathers: Rodriguez Hamdoche and Antonio Secci drew, six.

▲ **NICE**—The middleweight bout between Christian Chesini and Eugene Dorin was declared no contest in round four.

▲ **EPINAY SSSOUSSENART**—Junior middleweights: Pierre Frank Winterstein decisioned Maurice Renaud, six.

▲ **ST. MAUR**—Welters: Claude Lancastre outpointed Dennis Pryce, eight.

▲ **CALAIS**—Middleweights: Michel Pagani TKO'd Maurice Cruz, five.

▲ **CONDE SURP ESCAUT**—Lightweights: Didier Kowslski kayoed Bouchiba Mossaoud, one. Feather. Claude Kessaci TKO'd Vincent Cipolla, four.

▲ **PARIS**—Mar. 10th. Welterweights: Gilles Elbilia outscored Jean Marie Touati, eight. Welters: Jean Louis Coquin TKO'd Fred Bothy, two. Junior welters: Zlatko Marinkovic kayoed Ted Gardachi, two.

GERMANY

▲ **FRIEDEWALD**—Junior middles: Horst Schulz, Germany, outscored Giampaolo Piras, the German based Italian, four rounds. Middleweights: Mike McCoy, U.S.A., outscored German Rainer Kober, six. Light heavyweights: Andre Mongelema, Zaire, kayoed German Josef Kossmann, six. Promoter: Helmut Slomke. Crowd: 250.

▲ **BERLIN**—Middleweights: Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, kayoed American Freddie Boynton, three. Junior welterweights: Ethem Ozakalin beat fellow Turk Cemal Kamaci on points, 10. Middleweights: George Lemmer, France, decisioned German Rainer Gutekunst, four rounds. Promoter: Willi Zeller. Crowd: 1,500.

HOLLAND

▲ **ROTTERDAM**—Promoter Henk Ruhling had a full house of 2,000 who came to see the local matador, European light heavyweight champion Rudi Koopmans, knock out Canadian Tony Dowling in round one. Middleweight hope Alex Blanchard, Holland, kayoed Briton Oscar Angus with a hook to the liver in round two. Heavyweights: Rudi Lubbers, Holland, making a comeback after a four-year lay-off, outscored Briton Terry O'Connor, eight. Cor Eversteyn, Holland, stopped Austrian Herbert Trausmuth, the towel being thrown in during round five.

ITALY

▲ **BOLOGNA**—Rocky Mattioli, former WBC junior middleweight champion having his fourth comeback bout, kayoed American Jesse Carter, in 2:28 of the opening round. Mattioli has been nursing a broken hand since he lost his title to Briton Maurice Hope last year.

▲ **MILAN**—Heavyweights: Domenico Adinolfi, Italy, who reigned as European light heavyweight champion from 1974 to 1976, was granted a licence after a lay-off of three years to face American Ed Turner Savage. He won the 10-rounder on points. Valentino Nardini TKO'd Orazio Alesci, five. Featherweights: Fabio Mannai outscored Guilio Greco, six. Bantams: Paolo Castrovilli decisioned Vantonio Franca, six.

▲ **PIACENZA**—Heavyweights: Vincenzo Pesapane decisioned Vasco Faustinho, eight.

▲ **NAPLES**—Middleweights: Raffaele Prete kayoed Ali Cantora, two. Junior lightweights: Alfredo Raininger outscored Lorenzo Paciullo, six.

▲ **PEARO**—Junior middleweights: Luigi Minchillo kayoed Nelson Gomez, two. Junior welters: Juan Jose Giminez kayoed Arthur Fogeiro, three. Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, retained his European junior middle title, drawing with Italian Damiano Lassandro, 12.

▲ **RICCIONE**—Junior welters: Giancarlo Barrabotti TKO'd Zdravdo Joviccic, two.

▲ **SASSUOLO**—Heavyweights: Claudio Cassanelli kayoed Horst Lang, three.

▲ **ROME**—Middleweights: Matteo Salvemini kayoed Dan Snyder, four. Robert Felicioni outscored Mauricio Da Cruz, eight. Nicolo Cirelli decisioned Manuel Amaral Lira, eight. Junior middles: Rocky Fratto outscored Sammy Massias, eight. Junior welters: Bruno Gubala decisioned Luciano Arduini, six.

▲ **SEREGNO**—Flyweights: Mario Bitetto outscored Salvatore Laconi, eight.

▲ **TARANTO**—Lightweights: Palmiro Masala TKO'd Giovanni Carrino, seven.

▲ **SAVONA**—In an Italian flyweight title bout, champion Giovanni Camputaro decisioned his challenger, Sabatino DeFillippo, 10. This was the fourth time they have met and the third victory for Camputaro, who is the official challenger for Charlie Magri's European crown.

▲ **ROME**—Junior lights: Allessandro Mardi outscored Josia Da Silva, eight.

▲ **BRESCIA**—Featherweights: Natale Vezzoli TKO'd Alain Lefol, five. Pasquale Massa outscored Giorgio Pippia, six.

▲ **CAGLIARI**—Welterweights: Francesco Aresti decisioned Marco Gallo, eight.

▲ **PIANCENZA**—Middleweights: Aldo Buzzetti kayoed Mustafa Kabangu, four.

SPAIN

▲ **LEON**—European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon, Spain, retained his crown, outscoring Emilio Barala, 12. 99 fights have taken place since Briton Jim Driscoll was crowned in 1912, and Castanon is the 34th champion.

▲ **OVIEDO**—Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (28), junior welter champion of Europe in 1975, won the Spanish welterweight title, halting Carlos Morales, four. It was Morales' first defeat in 17 outings and Fouz has now had a straight run of 21 wins. Feathers: Jose Luis Vicho, former Spanish amateur champion, remained undefeated in 11 bouts, outpointing Isidoro Cabeza, six.

▲ **MADRID**—Lightweights: Salid Mimouin Amar outpointed Emilio Molero, eight.

▲ **BILBAO**—Welterweights: Mutil Nando kayoed Leon Kjias, four. Middles: Serreira TKO'd Jose Omedes, two. Lightweights: Mohamed Jofre outscored Torito Gomez, eight. Bantams: Fermin Gallardo decisioned Jose Pacheco, eight.

▲ **ZAMORA**—Featherweights: Carlos Hernandez outpointed Hector Millina, eight.

▲ **LEON**—Featherweights: Roberto Castanon outscored Nankalenke Teh, eight.

▲ **PALMA DE MALLORCA**—Feb. 16th. Lightweights: Jose Luis Vicho decisioned Isidoro Cabeza, eight.

JACK A. TREE

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: John L. Gardner (GB)
1. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Sylvain Watbled (F)
5. Al Syben (B)
6. Rudi Gauwe (B)
7. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
8. Felipe Rodriguez (S)
9. Tony Moore (GB)
10. Tommy Kiely (GB)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Hocine Tafer (F)
4. Bunny Johnson (GB)
5. David Conteh (GB)
6. Avenamar Peralta (S)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Karl Canwell (GB)
9. Christino Cavina (I)
10. Dennis Andries (GB)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Kevin Finnegan (GB)
1. Alan Minter (GB)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Tony Sibson (GB)
4. Matteo Salvemini (I)
5. Roy Gumbs (GB)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. George Steinherr (G)
8. Frankie Lucas (GB)
9. Gilbert Cohen (F)
10. Alfredo Naveiras (S)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Pat Thomas (GB)
3. Damiano Lassandro (I)
4. Steve Hopkin (GB)
5. Luigi Michillo (I)
6. Jimmy Batten (GB)
7. George Warusfel (F)
8. Jose Hernandez (S)
9. Adoni Amana (S)
10. Claude Martin (F)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
3. Colin Jones (GB)
4. Pierre Angelo Piras (I)
5. Louis Acaries (F)
6. Alois Carmeliet (B)
7. Giovanni Molesini (I)
8. Kirkland Laing (GB)
9. Richard Rodriguez (S)
10. Carlos Morales (S)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jo Kimpuani (F)
1. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
2. Sylvester Mittee (GB)
3. Des Morrison (GB)
4. Giuseppe Martinese (I)
5. Colin Powers (GB)
6. Perico Fernandez (S)
7. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
8. Fernando Sanchez (S)
9. Winston Spencer (GB)
10. Christian Grarcia (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship: Vacant
1. Jim Watt (GB)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Ray Cattouse (GB)
4. Ken Buchanan (GB)
5. Francisco Leon (S)
6. Jose Louis Heredia (S)
7. Giancarlo Usai (I)
8. Manuel Velasquez (S)
9. Vincenzo Quero (I)
10. Dave McCabe (GB)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Carlos Hernandez (S)
1. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
2. Ramon Merichal (S)
3. Charles Jurietti (F)
4. Maurice Apeang (F)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
6. Aristid Pizzo (I)
7. Isidor Cabeza (S)
8. Nino Jimenez (S)
9. Cosimo Lavino (I)
10. Bruno De Montis (I)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Pat Codwell (GB)
2. Cecilio Lastra (S)
3. Dave Needham (GB)
4. Jimmy Flint (GB)
5. Manuel Masso (S)
6. Alfredo Mules (I)
7. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
8. Laurent Grimbert (F)
9. Potito Di Muro (I)
10. Natale Caredda (I)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Johnny Owen (GB)
1. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
2. Esteban Eguia (S)
3. John Feeney (GB)
4. Vincente Rodriguez (S)
5. Luis De La Sagra (S)
6. Valerio Nati (I)
7. Davey Lamour (GB)
8. Giuseppe Fossati (I)
9. Guy Caudron (F)
10. Dave Smith (GB)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Manuel Carrasco (S)
2. Giovanni Camutaro (I)
3. Rodriguez Cal (S)
4. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
5. Paolo Castrovilli (I)
6. Emilio Pireddu (I)
7. Mariano Garcia (S)
8. Mario Bitetto (I)
9. Filippo Belvedere (I)
10. Jaime Lozano (S)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) Finland; (G) Germany;(GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Y) Yugoslavia.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Wembley Pool — Boxing's a funny sport. It's been said before — many times — and will undoubtedly be said again — many times. It applied once again when Tony Sibson, 159¾, won the vacant Commonwealth middleweight title by outpointing Zambian Chisanda Mutti, 160, over 15 rounds by 148-146.

Sibson recently lost his British title to Kevin Finnegan — whereupon he was signed up by manager Sam Burns, and is now Finnegan's stablemate.

Even more recently, Finnegan won the European crown; he is talking about fighting for the world championship. This left the door open for Sibson to compete for the Commonwealth title. There's nothing like keeping it in the family.

The taller Mutti was always in the contest, without at any time looking like winning it. He showed a good right hand, and did his best work in the later rounds.

Sibson was the more aggressive, but didn't get wild, controlling his punches well, and proving the more accurate.

Sibson finished with a swelling under the left eye; Mutti bled from the nose.

Tony stated that he will be trying to get back his British crown, even though Finnegan is now his stablemate.

In an official eliminator for the world lightheavyweight title, Lotte Mwale, the Commonwealth champion, outpointed American Jesse Burnett over 12 by 118-116.

Mwale won without being impressive, and he had to suffer the indignity of being decked for eight in round three from a right hand. Thereafter, Mwale was a little apprehensive of Burnett's pet punch.

This didn't help the fight, and in round seven some of the fans started a slow handclap of disapproval. At the end of this round, referee Harry Gibbs visited both corners, probably to add his disapproval to that of the fans and tell the boxers to step up their workrate.

Burnett tired in the last couple of rounds, and Mwale's stronger finish clinched it. But the latter will have to show sharper form if he still has thoughts of boxing for a world title.

It was afterwards revealed that Mwale has had domestic problems and trouble making the weight.

John Feeney, Hartlepool, 119½, beat Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 119, the bout being stopped at the end of round three after the latter had been floored. McLaughlin had also been decked twice in the opening session.

When they met over 12 months earlier, Feeney won on points. This was a substitute bout. The original match was Charlie Magri vs. Alberto Morales. Charlie had to pull out

through illness, so Feeney was brought in. But Morales refused to concede weight to Feeney, so McLaughlin replaced him.

This time, Neil was no match for Feeney, who showed power of punch, and right handers put the Derry boxer on the canvas. After the third knockdown, McLaughlin could only stagger to his corner and the referee intervened.

Winston Allen, Swansea, 203, kayoed Stan McDermott; Basildon, 221½, in round one with a right to the head. Stan had been down previously from a similar punch.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 121½, outpointed Mike Pickett, Merthyr, 119, over six by 59-58. Nickels stepped up the pace in the second half of the bout.

Former amateur champion Eddie Copeland, Manchester, 140¾, beat Northern Ireland light welter champ Davy Campbell, Enniskillen, 140, the bout being stopped in round five. Campbell had been down in round two, and was on the receiving end.

▲ **Bursiem** — Bunny Johnson, 174¼, kept his British light heavyweight title and won the Lonsdale Belt outright by pointing Dennis Andries, Hackney, 172¾, over 15 rounds by 147-146.

The margin looked wider, but the contest could be summed up by referee james Brimmell, who was quoted as saying that it was "the worst fight I have ever refereed or watched."

Johnson did his best to show a bit of skill, but Andries was wild and used wrestling tactics. The referee called for more action in rounds four and five, but it brought little response.

Andries had a swelling by the left eye, and, in round 12, Johnson was pushed clean through the ropes. This happened after the referee had again called them together.

As a championship bout, this was well below standard.

It was generally expected that, if Johnson won, he would announce his retirement, but he was afterwards talking about going for the heavyweight crown. It is to be hoped that he will change his mind.

Midlands Area featherweight champion Doug Hill, Stoke, 127¾, made a good return after five months' inactivity to outscore Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 128. over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 128½, outpointed Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 127, by the narrow margin of 79-78½ over eight.

Vic Jackson, Hackney, 151, gained a narrow victory over John Ridgman, Potters Bar, 152. Points score 59-58½ after six.

▲ **Hull** — Ricky Beaumont, Hull, 136, beat Des Gwilliam, Birmingham, 138, the bout being stopped in round seven when Gwilliam had a cut lip. Beaumont was well ahead at the time.

Jackie Turner, Hull, 135, beat Ray Ross, Ardglass, 136, the referee intervening in round four with Ross very much on the receiving end.

Debutant Peter Harrison, 136, outpointed Colin Wake, Hull, 136½, over six by 60-59, not losing a round.

Another debutant, Joey Wainwright, Hull, 123, did well to gain a draw with Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 121, over six.

Nigel Savory, Leeds, 177, was another who didn't lose a round in outscoring Mick Fellingham, Gravesend, 176, over six by 60-57.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 129½, boxed coolly and competently to outpoint Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 129, over eight by 79-77.

Keers impressed in the early rounds, jabbing accurately and keeping his man off balance. But from the halfway stage, Penprase got his own jab working and it proved a fascinating encounter.

Vernon had a slight swelling under the left eye, but continued to press forward and varied his attacks well to earn a good victory in a fine, entertaining scrap.

Terry Matthews, Swansea, 159½, put in a storming finish to outpoint John Smith, Glasgow, 160, by 78½-77½ over eight.

Smith boxed nearly early on, but Matthews strength began to tell as the fight progressed. He was also punching harder.

Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 129½, drew with Jim McKeown, Glasgow, 129, over six. Lucas gave a good display of ringcraft and counterpunching against an aggressive opponent, and some thought he deserved the verdict.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 175, outscored Steve Babbs, Swansea, 179, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.

▲ **Porchester Hall, London** — Alex Tompkins, Bow, 175, had to wait four years to avenge a dereat, but he did so by beating Vernon Scott, Willesden, 172, the referee intervening in round five with Scott having stopped fighting back.

Tompkins started slowly, but when he put on the pressure, Scott just could not cope.

Earl Edwards, Clapham, 163, defeated Carl Daley, Brixton, the bout being stopped in round five when the latter was cut on the left eyebrow.

Substitute Winston Ho-Shing, Sheffield, 128½, beat Steve Henderson, Aylesbury, 129, and this bout also ended in round five. Henderson was decked by a left hook, and, after a similar punch had put him down for the second time, it was stopped.

Ronnie Rathbone, Sheffield, 145½, another substitute and stablemate of Ho-Shing, also did well, drawing with Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 145½, over six. Smith was down in round three.

Tony Davis, Hillingdon, 134¼, outpointed Neil Brown, Chiswick, 136¾, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. Davis's skill was too good for Brown, but it was a good contest, and brought nobbins afterwards.

Tony Pierce, Notting Hill, 174, outscored Gordon George, Peckham, 176, over six by 59-58.

▲ **Marton Country Club, Middlesbrough** — Neil Malpass, Doncaster, 219, outpointed Theo Josephs, Halifax, 200, over eight in a contest that never reached the heights.

The scoreline of 80-77 meant that Malpass had not lost a round, but he made heavy weather of it, and try as he may, could not floor the game Josephs.

Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 148, decked Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 145, in the first round, but couldn't keep him there, and had to be satisfied with a 79-77 points win over eight.

Alan Storey, Sunderland, 126, drew with Selvin Bell, Manchester, 128, over six.

Winston Ho-Shing, 134, narrowly outpointed Dave Ramsden, 134, over six by 59-58½. The latter was decked briefly in the final round.

▲ **Elbow Vale Leisure Centre** — Welshman Johnny Owen, Merthyr, 117, won the European bantamweight title by unanimously outpointing champion Juan Francisco Rodriguez, Spain, 117¼, over 12 rounds.

Scorecards of the three officials were as follows: referee Max Strangfeld of Denmark, 120-115; judge Angelo Poletti, Italy, 119-117; judge Edmond Meulenberg, 119-115 — all to Owen.

This avenged a previous defeat, also for Rodriguez's title, in Spain 12 months earlier. Most critics agreed that the verdict to the Spaniard on that occassion was diabolical.

This time, Owen won clearly without being at his sharpest. There were allegations beforehand that the Spaniard had been experiencing weight problems, but Juan saw it through gamely, and even overcame the handicap of a broken right thumb in round seven.

Owen boxed strictly from the book, taking no chances, jabbing purposefully and sometimes scoring in the ratio of three to one. Juan was on the defensive throughout, but revealed good ringcraft.

Not until the last round was there anything in the nature of a toe-to-toe confrontation, which Owen got the better of to clinch a comfortable victory.

Owen was tghe first to admit that he hadn't boxed at his best, and his manager, Dai Gardner, intimated that Johnny would have a few more contests before thinking in terms of a World title shot. Owen also holds the British and Commonwealth crowns, so he will be kept busy with defenses of his three championships.

Jeff Pritchard, Tredegar, 140, outpointed Frank McCord, Swansea, 144, over eight by 79-78. A good bout for the fans, with Jeff looking as if he was in danger of being floored from hard body rips in the first couple of rounds, but coming back well to earn the victory.

John Griffiths, Neath, 127, didn't lose a round in outscoring Brindley Jones, Penryheol, 121, by 60-58 over six. The taller Griffiths kept up a good work-rate in a hard-hitting contest.

Steve Cleak, Portcawl, 125, outpointed Glyn Davies, the Welsh bantam champ, Llanelli, 124, over eight by 79½-78. Cleak was the busier, and the extra weight seemed to slow Davies up.

Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 147 outscored Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 144¾, by 79-78 over eight. A punishing bout, with Thomas bleeding from the nose.

▲ **Hove Town Hall** — Barry Price, Brighton, 137, drew with Kerry Collins, Swansea, 138, over eight. An entertaining bout, the fans throwing in nobbins afterwards.

Tim Maloney, Brighton, 138, repeated a previous win by outpointing Wally Stocking, Isleworth, 137, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round. Both are southpaws.

Paul Newman, Bognor Regis, 180, drew with John O'Neill, Swansea, 176, over six. Another good scrap to watch, and again nobbins were tossed in.

Terry Parkinson, Brighton, 138, beat Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 142, the referee intervening in the fourth and final round, with Thomas still on his feet but shipping punishment.

Dave Aspill, Swindon, narrowly outpointed debutant Lee Town, Brighton, 147, by 59½-59 over six.

▲ **Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham** — John F. Kennedy, Draycott, 151, outpointed Salvo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 152¾, over eight by 79½-77½. It was Kennedy's sixth straight victory.

Nuciforo was cut over the left eye, and was on the canvas in round six, but he got up immediately.

Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 135, outscored Steve Parker, Nottingham, 132, by a narrow margin of 59-58½ over six. Plenty of hard punches exchanged, and the pace was a fast one.

Kevin Sheehan, Nottingham, 135, kayoed Glen Rhodes, Sheffield, 133, in only 29 seconds of the opening round.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 145, gained a six-round points win over Dave Sullivan, Plymouth, 144. Scoreline: 59-58.

▲ **Merton Civic Hall, London** — Tommy Kiely, Brighton, 203, kept his Southern Area heavyweight title by outpointing Tony Moore, 203, over ten by 99½-97½.

Kiely now goes on to meet the winner of the Billy Aird-Gordon Ferris eliminator for the right to challenge British champion John L. Gardner.

Kiely used his superior height and reach to good advantage, and had a comfortable victory. Moore has proved himself capable of some good performances in the past, but this was one of his off-nights, and he never really threw enough punches to have a chance of winning.

Kiely kept his man at bay with accurate right jabs, and his southpaw stance made things awkward for Moore, who made an unavailing effort in the later rounds to get on terms.

Austin Okoye, Streatham, 196, outpointed Bob Young, also 196, over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78. Okoye was down in round two, and Young was decked twice in round seven.

Ivor Jones, Holloway, 118, kept punching away for eight rounds, and was rewarded with a points win over Robert Hepburn, Norwich, 121, scoreling 79-78½. Jones was down in round three and Hepburn in round five.

Nobbins followed the points victory of Martin Nee, Paddington, 211, over Les Dunn, Reading, 238, scoreline 59-58. A lot of punches were thrown in this six-rounder, with Dunn down twice and cut by the left eye.

John Griffiths, Neath, 126, outscored Stuart Crabb, Crawley, 126, over six by 59½-58½.

Phil Porou, Streatham, 159, outpointed Steve Pearson, Epsom, 154, over four by the narrow margin of 39½-39.

▲ **Nantwich Civic Hall** — Substitute Billy Vivian, New Tredegar, 134, outpointed Doug Hill, Nantwich, 128, over eight by 79-78, and nobbins came in afterwards in appreciation of a fine crowd-pleaser.

Nobbins again when Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 130, drew with Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 129, over eignt exciting rounds. Laxen was down briefly in round six, and Lucas may have considered himself unlucky not to have got the verdict.

They love their boxing around Nantwich way, for nobbins again greeted the points victory of Steve Topliss, Derby, 122, over Mike Pickett, Merthyr, 122, scoreline 59½-57½ in their six-rounder.

Ted Shaw, 217, beat Kevin Yeoman, 231, the bout being stopped in round two after Yeoman had taken a right to the head and was under pressure. Both were making their pro debuts.

▲ **Wolverhampton Civic Hall** — Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 135, kept on his winning way by outpointing Scottish champion Willie Booth, also 135, over 10 by 99½-96½.

Chance injured his ear in a clash of heads and Booth was cut over the left eye. The former produced the higher workrate and was the more accurate, but Booth was visibly upset when the scoreline was announced, and he did his share towards making it a good fight.

Steve Early, Coventry, 142½, gave a good performance in outpointing ringwise Billy Waith, Cardiff, 146½, over eight by 79½-77½. Some thought this flattered Early, but he deserved his victory.

Waith is one of the most experienced men in the country, and possesses a fine defence, but often he has spoiled his good work by not showing enough aggression. This was a case in point.

In the final round, Early's gumshield was knocked out of his mouth, and his knees buckled as Waith opened out. But by then it was too late.

Micky Baker, Worcester, 136, comfortably outpointed Tyrrel Wilson, Newport, 136, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Baker thus kept his unbeaten record.

Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 145, came in as a substitute with only a few hours notice, and used his experience to fiddle his way ot a six-round draw with Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 146, turning the whole thing into a comedy act.

Even between rounds, Tommy was clowning in his corner, and, although this sort of thing doesn't always go down too well, the fans loved this one and tossed in nobbins afterwards.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 141, avenged a previous defeat in the same ring by outscoring Ian Murray, Birmingham, 144, over six by 79½-78. Murray was down briefly in round one.

Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 131, outpointed Adey Allen, Leicester, 134, over six by 59-58.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool** — Henry Cooper, Glasgow, 169, jabbed his way to a comfortable points win over Winston Davies, 177, Rugby, over eight. The scoreline, 80-77½, indicated that Cooper did not lose a round.

Davies tried hard to get to close quarters, but Cooper kept him at arm's length, and Winston was, in fact, warned for careless use of the head.

It was Henry's second victory in five days.

Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 159, was decked in round four, but got up to beat Tony Britton, Lewisham, 155½, the referee intervening in the sixth round of a scheduled eight after Britton had been down twice.

Mickey Mapp,Eltham, 150, made it seven bouts without defeat when he outscored Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 148, over eight by 79-78. Thomas was cut over the left eye, and his nose bled.

Chris Christian, Hackney, 147¼, easily outpointed Frank McCord, Swansea, 150, by 80-77½ over eight, not losing a round. McCord was down in round two.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — A peculiar venue for a Welsh title fight, but it certainly agreed with Welsh welter champ Horace McKenzie, 146¾, who narrowly outpointed Gary Pearce, Newport,144, by 98½-98 over 10.

One of those close fights that could have gone either way, or even be declared a draw. McKenzie gained an early lead, and it wasn't until after the halfway mark that Pearce really began to put his punches together.

Pearce claimed he had been hit low in round two, but the referee didn't agree, and Gary stepped up the pace, with McKenzie being partly punched, partly pulled to the canvas in round six.

The last round was excellent, punch for punch, with Pearce looking to have the better of the exchanges, but just failing to pull up the leeway.

Norman Morton, Newcastle, 142, comfortable outscored Jeff Pritchard, Merthyr, 139, scoreline 79½-78½ after eight. Some of the exchanges were untidy, and the boxers wrestled each other to the canvas in rounds two and four.

Earl Edwards, Clapham, 164, kayoed Harry Watson, St. Ives, 163, in round five with a right cross.

Joey Wainwright, Hull, 122, outpointed Brindley Jones, Swansea, 120 over six by 59½-58½.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 155, and Carl Bailey, Manchester, 152, produced a real crowd-pleaser that brought nobbins from enthusiastic fans. Ellis gained an impressive points victory by 79-78 over eight.

Ellis nearly won inside schedule in round four, when Bailey's legs wobbled after he had taken a hefty right hand, but the latter retaliated immediately with his own right, and Ellis had to back up.

Bailey went down three times for brief counts, but there didn't seem to be any punches: they were more like pushes.

Kenny Webber, Manchester, 150, outpointed Chris Glover, 155, over eight, 79½-78.

Webber is now 30 years old, and it was his second successful comeback bout in a week after a three-year lay-off.

Dave Ramsden, Manchester, 133, outscored Selvin Bell, Manchester, by 59½-58½ over six. Bell was down in round two.

Jimmy Bunclarke, Liverpool, 135, beat Robert Wakefield, Sheffield, 137, the referee intervening in round four after Wakefield had been decked four times.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Billy Aird (E)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
4. Tommy Kiely (E)
5. Tony Moore (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gordon Ferris (I)
8. Neville Meade (E)
9. David Pearce (W)
10. George Scott (E)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Lotte Mwale (Z)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (U)
3. Bunny Johnson (E)
4. David Conteh (E)
5. Gary Summerhays (C)
6. Tony Mundine (A)
7. Eddie Melo (C)
8. Ernie Barr (B)
9. Stan Bogovic (A)
10. Al Gattling (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Tony Sibson (E)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Ayub Kalule (U)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Z)
5. Ralph Hollett (C)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Roy Gumbs (E)
8. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Monty Betham (NZ)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Kenny Bristol (Gu)
1. Maurice Hope (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Eddie Marcelle (T)
6. Elisha Obed (B)
7. Steve Hopkin (E)
8. Charlie Malarkey (S)
9. Prince Rodney (E)
10. Neil Pattel (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Chris Clarke (C)
3. Colin Jones (W)
4. Kirkland Laing (E)
5. Josef Nsubuga (U)
6. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
7. Hector Thompson (A)
8. Lachie Austin (A)
9. Joey Singleton (E)
10. Steve Dennis (A)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Gu)
2. Jeff Malcolm (A)
3. Clinton McKenzie (E)
4. Des Morrison (E)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
7. Colin Power (E)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (T)
10. Joey Gibilisco (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (T)
4. Ralph Racine (C)
5. Ray Cattouse (E)
6. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
7. Nick Furiano (C)
8. Gaetan Hart (C)
9. John Muwunga (U)
10. Dave McCabe (S)

FEATHERWEIGHTS:
Champion: Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. Pat Cowdell (E)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Jimmy Flint (E)
4. Patrick Ford (Gu)
5. Les Pickett (W)
6. Brian Roberts (A)
7. Nick LoBianco (A)
8. Roger Henry (A)
9. Henry Saddler (G)
10. Vernon Penprase (E)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. John Feeney (E)
3. Davy Larmour (I)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Jim Bowen (A)
6. Charlie Brown (A)
7. Patrick Burns (A)
8. Wayne Evans (E)
9. Glenn Walsh (A)
10. Neil McLaughlin (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Ray Amoo (N)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Pedro Solo (A)
3. Stephen Muchoki (K)
4. John Hipwell (A)
5. Kelvin Smart (W)
6. Junior Thompson (A)
7. Roger Richens (A)
8. Garry Bick (A)
9. Dave George (E)
10. Iggy Jano (E)

John Aba (Papua New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeem Armah (N), Willie Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (A).

Legend: (An) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fiji) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (K) Kenya; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (To) Tonga; (T) Trinidad; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool** — Henry Cooper, Glasgow, 161, outpointed Peter Bassey, Manchester, 158, over eight by 79½-77½.

Bassey had his moments, best of all in rounds two and six, but Cooper produced the superior workrate, and whenever he stepped up the pace, Peter had no answer.

Kenny Webber, Manchester, 155, outpointed Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 156, over eight action-packed rounds. Scoreline: 79½-77½.

No argument as to the winner, but it looked closer than the scoreline suggests, with Webber on the verge of going down in round three and Ellis on top in the two following rounds. Kenny finished strongly to clinch it.

Debutant Jimmy Bunclarke, Liverpool, came in as a sub and impressed when beating Kevin Sheehan, Alfreton, 136, the bout being stopped after just 61 seconds of the opening round.

Terry Welsh, Liverpool, 137, outpointed George McGurk, Jarrow, 136, over six by 59½-57½.

▲ **20th Century Sporting Club, Southerd** — Dave Allen, Sheffield, 147, drew with Joe Oke, Ghana, 154½, over eight. Many thought Allen deserved the verdict by virtue of a superior workrate, Oke's best work being done on a defensive basis.

Lee Town, Brighton, 147½, outpointed Steve Ward, Nottingham, 144, over six by 59½-58½. Sometimes an untidy contest, with the cleaner work coming from Ward.

Iggy Jano, Kingston, outpointed debutant Eddie McAllister (who boxed as Eddie Smith in the amateurs) over six by the narrow margin of 59-59½ in a bantam bout.

Dave Aspill, Swindon, 148, outpointed Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 145½, over six by 59½-58½. Smith incurred several warnings for holding.

▲ **Kelvin Hall, Glasgow** — SUPPORTS TO WATT vs. NASH: Charlie Malarkey, Glasgow, 151¾, qualified for a final eliminator for the Brittish light middle weight title by comfortably outpointing Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 150¾, over 10 by 99-97.

A good fight to watch, with Malarkey overcoming the handicap of an injury by his right eye in round five which necessitated the referee's inspection. But Malarkey shrugged it off, waded into his man, and, in the following session, it was noticeable that Rodney had swellings under both eyes.

Malarkey kept the pressure on, but Rodney remained calm, and did some good work in the early stages, only to wilt towards the close when Charlie stepped up the pace even more.

An excellent final round clinched it for the Scot, who completely dominated the exchanges during those three minutes.

Gerry O'Neill, Glasgow, won the Scottish lightweight title by narrowly outpointing Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 134¾. Not a lot of incident, but McKeown boxed well at times, and some thought he earned a share.

It was African vs. African when Najib Daho, Morocco, 133, narrowly outscored Zambian Charm Chiteule, 128, over six by 59-58½. The latter had a large swelling above his right eye, but kept going in commendable style, and it was a good contest for fans.

Billy Straub, Motherwell, 118¾, made it five wins in six bouts by outpointing Ian Murray, Manchester, 125½, over six.

Debutant Peter Harrison, Glasgow, 132¼, easily outscored John Lindo, Bradford, 134, by 60-58½ over six not losing a round. Lindo was decked in round one.

▲ **World Sporting Club, London** — In a contest between two hitherto unbeaten boxers, George Danahar, Bethnal Green 158½, defeated Doug James, Swansea, 162¼, the referee intervening in round six of a scheduled eight when James was cut over the left eye.

There was nothing between them at that stage, and it was a great pity that James had to surrender his unbeaten certificate in such and inconclusive fashion.

Danahar used his left lead well and revealed good ringcraft, but James took it all and came back well. It had developed into an even encounter when the stoppage came.

Nobbins were tossed in after Tim Maloney, Brighton, 135½, had outscored Tony Davis, 134½, over eight by 79½-78. This confirmed a previous victory.

Both are southpaws, but there was no let-up in the action. Davis impressed in the early stages, and Maloney improved as the fight progressed in spite of a nose bleed.

Terry Matthews, Swansea, 160, won a close one over Peter Simon, Battersea, 161. Scoreline was 78-77½ after eight.

Mick Chmilowsky, Dagenham, 195½ gained his third quick win inside schedule by beating Colin Flute, Tipton, 196, the bout being stopped in round two with the latter taking punishment. Flute complained the stoppage had been premature.

Ray Price, Swansea, 138, outscored Terry Parkinson, Brighton, 137, over six by 59½-59.

▲ **Hamilton Club, Birkenhead** — After a year's inactivity, Joe Lally, Liverpool, came back to draw with Billy Hill, Blackpool, 162, and many thought Joe deserved the verdict.

Hill was cut over the left eye in round one, and decked in round seven. A southpaw, he never really took advantage of his superior height and reach.

Lally kept up the pressure throughout, and this alone might well have gained him the verdict.

Walter Clayton, Sheffield, 136, beat Von Reid, Birmingham, 132, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round after Reid had been down four times.

Mohammed Ali, Stonebridge, 160½, outpointed Redmond Everard, Widnes, 162, over six by 59½-58½. Everard was floored in round two.

▲ **Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham** — Welshman Chris Lawson, 173, outpointed Danny Lawford, Manchester, 175¼, by 78½-78 over eight, thus improving on a drawn verdict the previous month.

But, as in their first encounter, it was nip and tuck all the way. Lawson was cut over the left eye in round three, but he continued to box coolly and punch fast.

Lawford concentrated on the body, and got home with some good hooks from both hands. He always looked dangerous.

Earl Edwards, Clapham, kayoed Henry Cooper Glasgow, 164¼, in round two with a right and following left to the to the head. Down went Cooper to bang his head on the canvas, well and truly "out."

John O'Neill, Liverpool, 177, drew with Gordon Geroge, Wood Green, 177, over eight.

Wolverhampton Sporting Club — Granville Allen, Wednesday, 144, narrowly outpointed Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 145, over eight by 79-78½. Varden made his effort too late after Allen had built up an early lead by good boxing.

Ian Murray, Birmingham, 144¼, outscored 18-year-old debutant Paul Wetter, Newport, 144, by 59½-58½ over six. The latter's aggression deserved a better fate.

Another debutant, Cliff Gilpin, Wolverhampton 148, outpointed Richard Avery, Newport, 149. over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 177, gained a six-round points win over Gary Jones, Stirling, scoreline 59-58.

Southpaw Mick Morris, Wolverhampton outpointed Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 159¼, over six by 59½-58½.

Good matchmaking, this. Every bout went the distance.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — Ricky Beaumont, Hull, 139 made it six wins in a row since his comeback by outpointing Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 140½, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Beaumont kept on the attack throughout, but Gordon never conceded an inch.

David Fry, Bournemouth, 219, outpointed Les Dunn, Reading, 239, over eight by 78½-77½. Both had eye injuries.

Colin Wake, Hull, 138, easily outscored Wally Stocks, 143½, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round. Stocks needed three stitches in a cut by the left eye.

Joey Wainwright, Hull, 125, comfortably outscored Robert Hepburn, Norwich, 136, by 59½-58 over six. Too much clinching spoiled it.

▲ **Albany Hotel, Glasgow** — We seem to take it for granted these days when manager Terry Lawless produces yet another champion. This time it was the turn of Ray Cattouse, Balham, 135, who beat Dave McCabe, Gartcosh, 134¾, the bout being stopped early in round eight after the latter had sustained a cut by the left eye which needed five stitches. This was for the vacant British lightweight title.

A hard battle, and whether McCabe was affected by weight trouble (he had to make four trips to the scales before shedding the last two ounces) is difficult to say. Certainly he started in promising fashion, and looked clearly ahead at the end of round five.

However, Cattouse started putting his punches together in the next couple of rounds, and it is anybody's gress who would have won had it gone the full distance.

John Coyle was refereeing his first British title fight, and McCabe's manager, Tommy Gilmour, paid special tribute to the official for bringing McCabe back to his corner so that his seconds could inspect the cut. It was then clear that Dave could not continue.

McCabe jabbed away freely in the first few rounds, and Cattouse was actually down in the opening round from a left hook, only to jump up immediately.

The Scot kept up the pressure when his opponent rose, and Ray's nose bled in round two. Then it was the Balham boxer's turn to draw blood, with McCabe cut over the bridge of the nose and slightly above the left eye.

The exchanges were heating up now, and McCabe was cut under the right eye. In round five, Cattouse was wrestled to the floor, but he was getting more aggressive now, and, by the start of the sixth, was forcing his man back.

Ray kept up the pressure in round seven, with McCabe having to backpedal. The latter was still scoring on the counter but his left eyebrow was cut, and this worsened, resulting in the stoppage.

George Peacock, Scottish lightweight champion, 139½, successfully defended his crown by beating Hughie Smith, 139¾, the referee intervening in round seven when Smith was cut over the right eye.

A right hand did the trick, and the injury bled profusely. Peacock looked in front at the time.

Peter Harrison, Cambuslang, 137, outscored Colin Wake, Hull, 137, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Gary Jones, Stirling, 175½, outpointed Gordon George, London, 178½, by 59½-58½ over six.

▲ **Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull** — Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 174½, regained the Midlands Area light heavyweight title by outpointing his former conqueror, Harry White, Northhampton, 173½, over 10 by 98½-97½.

Fenton started fast, and kept up the pressure throughout. White did his share to make it a good scrap, but Fenton maintained his strength, and was a worthy winner.

Glenn McEwan, Birmingham, 160, used his superior height and reach to good advantage in knocking out Romel Ambrose, 158½, with just 46 seconds remaining in the 10th and final round. This bout was for Ambrose's Midlands Area middleweight crown.

Ambrose was cut above the left eye and bled from the nose.

McEwan stepped up the pace as the fight progressed, and was well on top in the final round.

Kelvin Smart, Caerphilly, 113¾, easily outscored Iggy Jano, KIngston by 80-76½ over eight, not losing a round.

Alec Irvine, Leicester, 124¼, avenged a previous defeat by outscoring Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 122¾, by the narrow margin of 79-78½ over eight.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — On the same night that his brother Ray won the British lightweight title, Trevor Cattouse, 181, had to retire from his fight with Danny Lawford, 175¾, with an injured left hand at the end of round two.

As Trevor sat in his corner awaiting the first bell, the news was announced that his brother Ray had been successful, and the former certainly seemed to gain inspiration as he stormed into Lawford.

Unfortunately, the injury occurred in that opening session, and was too serious for him to continue after the following round.

A good victory by Jeff Pritchard, Wales, who outscored the previously undefeated Jackie Turner, Hull, 135¾, by the narrow margin of 78½-78 over eight tough rounds which brought nobbins from appreciative fans.

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Both were marked. Turner was cut by the left eye, and Pritchard bled from the nose. In the final round, Turner, too bled from the nose.

It was one of those "no quarter asked and none given" contests, and each had to call on their reserves of stamina.

Danny Connolly, Stepney, 135½, outscored Tyrell Wilson, Newport, 137, by 59-58 over six.

Debutant Adrian Clamp, Carshalton, 147¾, beat Dave Aspill, Swindon, 149, the bout being stopped in round two when Aspill had been decked twice and was cut over the left eye.

Mike Burton, Norwood, 164½, outpointed Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 160¾, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.

▲ Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford — Steve Enwright, Halifax, 117, won the vacant Central Area bantamweight title by outpointing Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 118, over 10 rounds by 99-97.

An excellent contest to watch. Members threw in nobbins afterwards, and Enwright can be well satisfied with his performance. Bott was handicapped by an injury to his right eye, but Enwright, too, had facial damage.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 133, outscored Dave Ramsden, Manchester, over six by 59½-58½. Their third meeting in four weeks, with Bell now ahead, 2-1.

Glen Rhodes, Sheffield, 135½, beat debutant Derek Groarke, Warrington, 133¾, the referee intervening in round four after Groarke had been cut by both eyes.

Peter Bassey, Manchester, 162, beat Leo Mulhearn, Doncaster, 160, on points after six rounds by 59½-58½.

▲ Brodsworth Miners Welfare Hall, Doncaster — Neil Malpass, South Elmsall, 222, outpointed Theo Joseph, 198, over eight by 79½-77½. This confirmed a previous win.

Joseph had an uphill task against a heavier and taller opponent, but stayed on his feet, did his best to fight back, and even had some members booing the decision. However, Malpass clinched it in the two final rounds, and had Joseph hanging on.

Dave Allen, Conisbrough, 148½, didn't lose a round in outscoring ringwise Tommy Wright, 143½, by 80-77½ over eight. The latter knows how to defend himself, but Allen came after him throughout, and was good value for his win.

Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 144½, beat Kevin Walsh, Manchester, 146, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three after being decked five times.

Leo Mulhearn, Doncaster, 162, beat Jeff Stanley, Grimsby, 155¾, the bout being stopped in round five after the latter had been decked. A hectic battle while it lasted.

Debutants Armstrong and Mulhearn are both guided by new manager Johnny Rushton.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 132, outpointed Dave Ramsden, Manchester 134½, over six by 59½-57½. Ramsden was floored in round four.

▲ North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke — Jim McKeown, Glasgow, 128, looked good in outscoring Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 127½, over eight by 79-78. The fans loved this one, with plenty of give and take on both sides and nobbins greeting the verdict.

Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 131, easily outpointed Steve Simms, Newport, 133, over eight by 79½-77. This confirmed a previous victory.

Steve Parker, Nottingham, 130, outpointed Peter Harrison, Glasgow, 129, by the narrow margin of 59-58½ over six. Another crowd-pleaser that brought nobbins.

Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 146, kayoed George Kidd, Glasgow, 148, in round four, after having previously decked him twice.

John Henry, Loughborough, 134, beat debutant Joe McNamee, Dundee, 132, the bout being stopped in round three after McNamee had been decked.

RON OLVER

AFRICA

NIGERIA

▲ LAGOS — National Sports Hall — British invader Paul Sykes, noted for his early aggressiveness, ringwise, failed to back up his pre-fight prediction of stopping Nigeria's Berlin-based ABU heavyweight champion, Ngozika Ekwelum, in the fifth round of their Commonwealth elimination bout. He came out to trade punches in a brief give-and-take fashion and wound up running into a stunning first round kayo punch.

Sykes, 222½, entered the ring first, went straight to his corner, leaned on the ropes, and took a bewildered look at the huge crowd. A picture of uncertainty, Sykes could not even look Ngozika, 215, in the face at the introduction.

Sykes came out and threw a left jab. Ngozika replied with a right and scored with a left to the face. And then the ending. Sykes missed with a looping right and Ngozika connected with a left hook, flush on the chin. Sykes dropped to the canvas, motionless. He tried to regain his feet, but fell back at the count of six, and referee Howard Jones completed the 10-count at 1:14 of the first round.

Former Nigerian featherweight champion Isaac Ewefa and Ghana's Adamu Mohammed Drew.

In the best bout of the evening, Fighting Romanus, Imo State, and Rasheed Oyadeji, Lagos State, drew, welterweights.

Christian Chukwu, captain of the Nigerian Green Eagles, was guest of honor. Eagles had captured the African Cup of Nations trophy a week earlier.

The card was put on by Top Brand Promotions.

ELLIS DEE UDECHUKWU

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre—Ernie Singletary, U.S.A., had too much know how, especially at inflighting, for Cameron Adams, whom he outscored over 10. A sustained body attack by Singletary had Adams out of his depth, even though Adams had opened a cut above the American's left eye in the first round.

Leon Tabbs, Singletary's manager, had noticed that Adams' stablemates boxed at long range, and instructed his middleweight, Singletary, to keep it close. Ernie did, successfully.

Bramley Whiteboy outscored Norman Sekgapane, eight, junior welterweights. Sekgapane was down twice in round two.

Joe Hali outpointed Thornton Oakes, six, middleweights. Chris Whiteboy outscored Charles Boais, six, junior lightweights. Herbert Plaatjies upset Victor Mpiyake, six, featherweights. Isaac Yoto decisioned Justus Josephs, six, welters.

TRANSVAAL

▲ JOHANNESBURG—Ellis Park Tennis Stadium—11,000 fans were treated to a shock result and a shock ending as Jimmy Abbott stopped Kallie Knoetze at 2:52 of the first round in a "grudge" heavyweight fight.

Abbott was booed going into the ring, but left with the cheers of the crowd ringing in his ears. Referee Stan Christodoulou stopped the fight with Abbott hammering Knoetze with lefts and rights to the head with no return.

Knoetze started well, connecting with two right hooks to the head of Abbott, who outweighed him by about 50 pounds. Jimmy, however, shook the blows off, jabbed, and followed with a hard right. Abbott then waded in, and another hard right to the head sent Knoetze over the middle rope and out of the ring. Willing hands pushed him back, and a standing count was given. Knoetze was beaten, but the ref stood back and Abbott went to town with lefts and rights. The referee stepped in, looked at Knoetze, and then motioned Abbott to continue. Seconds later, as Knoetze was defenseless, Christodoulou stopped the bout. Knoetze later announced his retirement from the ring.

Bruce McIntyre kayoed Loyiso Mtya in the second round, middleweights. Bennie Knoetze, Kallie's brother, outscored Timothy Zwane, four, heavies. It was Bennie's pro debut.

Bennie Nortman decisioned Timothy Modise, four, junior welterweights. Joseph Matthyssen outscored Lucky Masondo, four, middleweights. Ephraim Ngema TKO'd James Mbatha, one, junior middles.

▲ JOHANNESBURG—Wembley Sports Pavilion—Bushy Bushy Bester won the South African junior middleweight title when Gert Steyn's corner threw in the towel—prematurely—in round 10. Steyn, who was well ahead on points, was taking a beating from the aggressive Bester for the first time in the fight when the end came. Steyn was not hurt, but later stated he was tired.

Bruce McIntyre TKO'd American Freddie Johnson in the fifth round, middleweights. Charlie Weir kayoed Terrance Makaluza in the fourth round, middles. Coenie Bekker decisioned David "Baby Lux" Kambule, six, welterweights.

ED CLARK

ORIENT

KAMEDA-SHIRATORI
Japanese Welterweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN — Akio Kameda, 146¾, stretched his winning streak to 13-0 (12 kayoes) as he TKO'd Kazunori Shiratori, also 146¾, at 1:25 of the eighth round to retain his Japanese welterweight crown.

Referee Takeo Ugo called a halt due to a gash over Shiratori's right eyebrow after several examinations had been made by JBC physician Mukojima. Kameda, a sharp 5'10" southpaw, had won all the rounds, using his right jab to keep his shorter challenger at bay.

Despite his less than impressive record of 8-17-1 with seven kayoes, Shiratori, ranked ninth by the JBC, was considered a tough customer. He had seldom been knocked off his feet, but, in the sixth, Kameda floored him with a smashing left following fast combinations. Shiratori staggered to his feet at eight, shortly before the bell rang.

Kameda, the WBC's ninth ranked junior

welterweight, is scheduled to meet Saoul Mamby for the WBC title in Tokyo. The Japanese may have some trouble making the junior welterweight class limit of 140 pounds, but he's looked sharp in every fight thus far. It's still a question as to whether he has enough durability to cope with the hard-hitting Mamby.

Yasutsune Uehara, 128¾, dropped Junichi (Blazer) Okubo, 128½, Osaka, three times in the fifth round for an automatic knockout at 2:33 of the session to retain his Japanese junior lightweight title. Uehara, rated second by the WBA, proved too powerful for Okubo, who did his best to stay away from the more powerful champ. In the closing seconds of the fourth round, Uehara caught the challenger with a straight right followed by a left hook to the face and sent him crashing to the canvas. Three knockdowns in the fifth round followed, and referee Ken Morita enforced the three knockdown rule.

Uehara (30) is now 25-4 with 20 knockouts. Okubo (25) is 25-9 with 14 kayoes.

Katsuji Sano, 130, the JBC's seventh-ranked featherweight, won unanimous decision over Kazuaki Hamada, also 130, eight. Scoring: Uchida, 80-74; Morita, 80-72; Nakamori, 80-73. Sano is now 16-6-4 with three kayoes.

Haruo Narita, 136¼, knocked out Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 136 (and last year's Novice King tournament winner in the West Japan Zone), at 0:31 of the first session in a scheduled six.

Morio Watanabe, 140¾, polished off Yoshifumi Takeyama, also 140¾, at 0:57 of the first round. Takaaki Miyata, 107¼, kayoed Akihiko Takaezu, 107¾, in 0:58 of the first.

The card was presented by Kasaki Kanehira's Kyoei Promotions and telecast through TBS-TV of Tokyo.

Attendance at Korakuen Hall — 1,600.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (K)
1. James Callaghan (J)
2. Byun-Grae Yuh (K)
3. Rocky Joe (I)
4. Ceasar Sasaki (J)
5. Katsuo Esahi (J)
6. Wally Carr (A)
7. Torkano Marcos (A)
8. Cassius Naito (J)
9. Phil Davies (A)
10. Nessie Horiguchi (J)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung-Ho Oh (K)
1. Tony Flores (P)
2. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
3. Tsuneshiro Fuchiwaki (J)
4. Barry Michael (A)
5. Ki-Hoon Kwak (K)
6. Jimmy Sinantan (I)
7. Lito Pena (P)
8. Mitsuo Ohashi (J)
9. Dario Melida (P)
10. Sang-Hyun Baek (K)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Ronald Sumalis (P)
2. Myung-Gan Mun (K)
3. Venice Borkorsor (T)
4. Hitoshi Ishigaki (J)
5. Cesar Amazan (P)
6. Sutan Rambing (I)
7. Paul Ferreri (A)
8. Hurricane Teru (J)
9. Charnok U. Yuthankarn (T)
10. Sang-Bong Lee (K)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (J)
1. Michihiro Horihata (J)
2. Acquilano Nicolas, Jr. (P)
3. Yong-Taek Kim (K)
4. Wally Carr (A)
5. Kenji Shibata (J)
6. Ramon Dionisio (P)
7. Alberto Cruz (P)
8. Jung-Shik Kim (K)
9. Naosito Suzuki (J)
10. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Fukida (J)
1. Chung-Il Choi (K)
2. Nilo Acido (P)
3. Yatsusune Uehara (J)
4. Tae-Jin Mun (K)
5. Gen Tosa (J)
6. Yoshitaka Ikehara (J)
7. Erning Grafe (P)
8. Larry Valesini (A)
9. Sok-Yu Park (K)
10. Yang Il (K)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung-Shik Kim (K)
1. Saifa S. Phyathai (T)
2. Jiro Takada (J)
3. Diego de Villa (P)
4. Il-Song Choi (K)
5. Hitoshi Ishigaki (J)
6. Al Sicat (P)
7. Yung-Hwan Kim (K)
8. Suriya Pratumvadee (T)
9. Chul-Ho Kim (K)
10. Little Aguilar (P)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (K)
1. Fred Paster (P)
2. Steve Dennis (A)
3. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)
4. Satania S. Pratip (T)
5. Jae-Hyung Yuh (K)
6. Eddie Buttons (A)
7. Chong-Bae Chang (K)
8. Mike de Guzman (P)
9. Thanimthong Singsamang (T)
10. Rocky Anobling (P)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Tae-Hwan Lee (K)
2. Nakprajan Kiatkamchai (T)
3. Dommy Marolena (P)
4. Tenyu Maruki (J)
5. Rommy Cunanan (P)
6. Dedkad Kiathunyong (T)
7. Paul Ferreri (A)
8. Gunawan Komara (I)
9. Sok-Tae Yun (K)
10. Syuzo Yoshida (J)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (K)
1. Kazumasa Tamaki (J)
2. Sok-Chul Bae (K)
3. Dan Pisalchai (T)
4. Frank Cedeno (P)
5. Kap-Chul Shin (K)
6. Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
7. Monsayarm H. Mahachai (T)
8. Melchor Degsi (P)
9. Koichi Maki (J)
10. Solo Pedro (A)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang-Mo Koo (K)
1. Petchyam Petcharoy (T)
2. Eiichi Fukumoto (J)
3. Kwang-Min Kim (K)
4. Al Cordero (P)
5. Chong-Ho Kim (K)
6. Thom Singthanongsakdi (T)
7. Edward Heneral (P)
8. Masahiro Yokai (J)
9. Ruben Rabago (P)
10. Tongta Kiatvayupak (T)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo-Hyun Chung (K)
1. Ric Diamale (P)
2. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)
3. Chong-Wo Baek (K)
4. Dejavarin Hollywood (T)
5. Brian Roberts (A)
6. Neptali Alamag (P)
7. Sang-Yun Cha (K)
8. Morkasakdi Muangsurin (T)
9. Chong-Soo Lee (K)
10. Kanekatsu Daito (J)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hyun Kim (K)
1. Sung-Nam Kim (K)
2. Tadashi Tomori (J)
3. Chukthop Chuvatana (T)
4. Siony Carupo (P)
5. Junior Thompson (A)
6. Chi-Bok Kim (K)
7. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
8. Srithuncha Sithane (T)
9. Guraman Ueda (J)
10. Tito Abella (P)

Legend: (A) Australia; (I) Indonesia; (J) Japan; (K) Korea; (P) Philippines; (T) Thailand.
Note: The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Hard-punching Eiichi Fukumoto, 139¼, retained his Japanese junior welterweight title by kayoing Hayao Shiba, 136½, in 2:58 of the third round.

Fukumoto, 12-2 with eight knockouts, dropped his man once in the second, and twice more in the fatal third. A lethal body punch put Shiba down for the full count. Shiba (32) is now 9-5-1 with seven kayoes.

Fukumoto has a lot of power, but needs to improve his defense if he wants to take on better opposition. This was his first title defense.

A supporting 10 saw undefeated Ceaser Sasaki, 176, the JBC's top middleweight contender, dropped slower Super Riki, 198 ½, time and again and finished him at 2:33 of the third round. This was a mismatch.

Kaishu Shin, 128, outscored Masaaki Miyata, 126, six.

Four rounders: Osamu Arima, 110, knocked out Yoji Asahina, 112 (a brother of the well known female vocalist), in 1:52 of the first round. Tomitomo Iizuka, 122, outpointed Terumi Higashiogiwara, 121¼. Takeo Miyauchi, 111¼, stopped Yoshio Endo, 112, at 1:11 of the third round. Hedemitsu Tokuyama, 108, outpointed Yuichi Uchida, 107¼. Yoshihiro Kaji, 108½, outscored Isao Tsukamoto, 108¼.

Presented by Ishimaru Promotions and telecast by Tokyo Channel 12.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Tall and lanky Hikaru Tomonari, 129, the WBA's fifth ranked featherweight, had a tough time catching southpaw Yoshitaka Ikehara, 129½, but won a unanimous decision after 10 dull rounds.

Referee Uchida had it 100-96; judge Ugo had it 100-95, and judge Sasaki scored it 99-98. Tomonari, whom the WBA had rated off his upset victory over Royal Kobayashi last year, upped his record to 13-4-1 with seven kayoes. Ikehara (26), the JBC's second-ranked junior lightweight, saw his log drop to 9-5-1 with two stoppages.

Bunji Ando, 121½, won unanimous decision over former Japanese bantamweight champion Kosei Anan, 121¼, 10.

Fumiharu Honma, 122, out pointed Eiji Amino, 121¼, six.

Four-rounders: Takeyoshi Nakamura, 115¾, outscored Masahiro Niizuma, 117¼. Kazuhiko Yasuda, 153½, kayoed Masafumi Jin, 154, in 1:16 of the first round. Masayoshi Hashimoto, 143½, knocked out Toshio Komatsuzaki, 145¾, in 2:44 of the fourth.

Presented by Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotional Group.

Attendance — 1,800.

▲ **SHIGA — Prefectural Gymnasium** — Korea's Hong-Soo Yang, 112, retained his OPBF flyweight title, as he eked out a unanimous decision over former champion Chikara (Riki) Igarashi, also 112, in 12 sluggish rounds.

Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi and judge Kiyoaki Kurume, both of Japan tabbed it 119-118 and 118-117, respectively, while Korean judge Chin-Kook Kim had it 119-116, all in favor of Yang.

Igarashi was not in good shape, and couldn't bombard the body in his customary style. Yang was penalized a point for repeated holding in round three, but took the seventh through the 12th rounds by slight margins to take the decision.

Igarashi is now 17-19-10 with six kayoes. It was Yang's fourth win in Japan against two losses.

The 10-round semi-final saw Kofi Kunishige, 129, a notoriously slow starter, unable to finish African import Royal Umeno, 129½. Kunishige knocked Umeno down in rounds one and eight, but the official decision was a draw. Scoring: Kurume, 95-95; Fujita, 95-95; Matsumoto 96-96. Kunishige is now 14-20-2.

Eijiro Kuruma, 126, a counterpuncher, won unanimous decision over Shoji Okubo, 125, eight. Scoring: 80-74, 80-74, 80-72.

Masahide Kutamura, 159½, knocked out veteran Nessie Horiguchi, 167½, in 2:25 of the second round. Horiguchi was obliged to wear heavier gloves due to his failure to make the weight. He looked in bad shape. Kitamura is now 6-2 with six knockouts.

Southpaw Takashi Yamashita, 111⅜, knocked out Lord Mitsuru, 109½, in 1:35 of the first round. Toshitoshi Yamamoto, 125, polished off Channel Ken, 125½, in 2:49 of the first.

Promoted by Taiho Boxing Club.

Attendance — 1,500.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Japanese middleweight champion James Callaghan, 160½, came off the canvas in the fourth round, kept his distance, and won a unanimous decision over Thailand's Jong Sathiragym, 160½. 10.

Callaghan is now 5-0 with three kayoes, while Sathiragym, a globe-trotter who has campaigned in Spain, the Philippines and Indonesia, is 10-4 with seven knockouts.

Korea's Sok-Tae Yun, 127½, halted fast Shuzo Yoshida, 128, at the end of the second round. Yoshida, the former Japanese national featherweight champ, suffered four knockdowns. It was scheduled for 10.

In the first 10-rounder, Yuni Oka, 118 (previously fighting as Jiro Takada), stopped Kazumi Sato, 117½, at 2:07 of the seventh round. Oka, the WBC's eighth-ranked junior bantamweight, was too experienced for the hard swinging Sato.

Masayuki Tsuyuzaki, 118, outpointed Mamoru Oba, also 118, six.

Four-rounders: Keiji Koizumi, 126, outscored Masaomi Horiguchi, 125¾, Isamu Machida, 107¾, stopped Mamoru Ichikawa, 102½, at 2:17 of the second round.

Attendance — 1,000.

▲ **CHIGASAKI — City Gymnasium** — Unbeaten Ken Kasugai, 111½, the JBC's fifth-ranked flyweight, downed sub Toshihiro Okumoto, 110, to the canvas and then to the ropes in round two and won a unanimous decision at the end of 10. Ken, who is now 4-0-1, needs to develop more power if he expects to cope with the top notchers in Japan.

Six-rounders: Joe Higuchi, 128, outscored Kazuo Yoshinaga, also 128. Zenichi Hasegawa, 116¼, polished off Shintaro Hirose, 115¾, at 1:59 of the opening session. Yoshiaki Nojima, 107, outpointed Yoshiaki Kanda, 107½.

Four-rounders: Taira Oshimizu, 125, halted Shinji Nishio, 125¼, at 1:19 of the first round. Noritetsu Kato, 117, decisioned Teruo Igarashi, 117½. Kazuhide Omiya, 112, kayoed Sadao Okuyama, 110½, at the end of the third round, when the latter retired. (This is regarded as a knockout, not a techincal knockout, by the Japanese Boxing Commission.) Takashi Suzuki, 118½, outscored Mitsuo Kubosco, 119¼.

Attendance — 2,000.

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL — Munhwa Gymnasium** — Chong-Pal Park retained his OPBF middleweight title, stopping former Japanese junior middleweight champion Kenji Shibata, a southpaw, in the fifth round of their scheduled 12-rounder. Park, who was born on August 11, 1960, is only 19 years old, but has scored 12 knockouts in compiling a 12-1 record. He's ranked seventh by the World Boxing Association.

▲ **PUSAN** — — Kap-Chul Shin, the KBC's top ranked flyweight contender, won unanimous decision over Filipino Tito Abella, 10.

Former Korean lightweight champion Ki-Hoon Kwak stopped Celso Esmero, Phillipines.

▲ **SEOUL —** Song-Nam Kim won the vacant Korean junior flyweight title by stopping In-Wan Hwan in the sixth round. Kim is now 9-6 with six kayoes.

▲ **SEOUL —** Yong-Ho Oh retained his OPBF lightweight title for the first time by knocking out national Korean champion Lee Yidano in 1:36 of the first round in their scheduled 12-rounder. It was Oh's eighth successful defense.

▲ **SEOUL Munhwa Gymnasium —** Hwang-Jin Kim, the WBC's seventh-ranked junior flyweight, proved too powerful for Japanese Grumman Ueda, whom he floored three times and knocked out in 2:52 of the sixth round.

Korea's Chi-Bok Kim turned the tables on the Philippines' Tito Abella in their rematch, knocking him out in only 0:59 of the first round.

PHILLIPINES

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Aggressive Chung-Jae Hwang, 145½, a 20-year-old Korean newcomer, won the OPBF welterweight title, battering defending champion Dan de Guzman, 147, all the way to win a unanimous decision after 12 hot frames.

Japanese referee Kazumasa Kuwata scored it 119-114, while Filipino judge Alex Francisco and Korean judge Chung Yung had it 116-115 and 119-113, respectively — all in favor of Hwang.

Hwang, a former Gold Medalist at the Asian Amateur Games, is now 6-0 with four knockouts. Guzman, a southpaw, had copped the OPBF throne by stopping Man-Duk Lee in the sixth round on November 16, 1979. Against Hwang, however, he was "just another guy."The 5'9" Korean had de Guzman solved completely, and the only round that Dan won was the seventh. The defending champ was on the deck twice in the 11th round. Attendance — 7,000.

▲ **CLARK AIR BASE —** Dony Soriano, 135, won unanimous decision over Young de la Cruz, 136, 10.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Prior to his fatal defense against Chung-Jae Hwang, OPBF welterweight boss Dan de Guzman, 148, engaged in a non-title 10-round bout with former Thai champ Mana Premchai, 147, winning by unanimous decision.

Danilo Limpahan, 141, scored a stunning upset when he won a unanimous decision over Filipino junior welterweight champion Al Cordero in a companion 10. Danilo was named the Philippines' Boxer of the Month as a result of this triumph, and became the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's top contender. The Limpahan-Cordero contest was a non-title bout.

Edward Heneral, 141¼, won unanimous decision over Jimmy Gonzales, 142,10.

Cesar Amazan, 119½, won a split decision over Flash Gapasin, also 119½, 10.

The card was presented by Paciencia Hitosis.

▲ **CLARK AIR BASE —** Eddie Miral, 120, won unanimous decision over Star Dayanan, 119, 10.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY —** Ver Libradilla, 113, TKO'd Ed Clementes in the ninth round. Dario Merida, 136, won unanimous decision over Salvador Darlo, 131, 10.

The promoter was Florentino Uba.

▲ **BOHOL —** Fred Sta Iglesia, 115, ranked seventh by the GAB in the newly established junior bantamweight division, TKO'd Frankie Cabuenas, 114, in the scheduled 10-round main event.

▲ **DAVAO CITY —** Filipino bantamweight champion Ronald Sumalis, 120, and Rey Naduma, Jr., 121, the GAB's seventh-ranked junior featherweight, drew, 10.

Jaime Sanama, 121, and Shanghai Jun, 122, drew, 10.

The promoter was Margarito Daramayo.

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY —** Siony Carupo, 108, retained his Filipino junior flyweight title after 12 rounds with Ric Barimbad, also 108. the decision was a majority draw.

Jun Resma, 112, TKO'd Eddie Amad, also 112, in the sixth round. This was a crowd-pleaser.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Rolando Navarrete, 131, won unanimous decision over Frankie Ahumada, 129, Mexico, 10. Navarrete had returned from Honolulu just a week before.

Navarrete, who upped his record to 32-4-5, had Ahumada on the verge of a knockout on several occasions. He wants to fight Alexis Arguello for the latter's WBC junior lightweight crown.

The 10-round semi-final saw Del Conrado, 130¼, and Willie Espinosa, 130¼, fight to a "no contest."

Lord Esmero, 109, won a technical decision over Henry Balina, 108½, 10.

Mike Benitez, 135½, won unanimous decision over Leo Viajedor, 134¾, 10.

The first 10-rounder saw Noe Canino, 119, win unanimous decision over Tale Maguan, 118.

The promoter was Antero Velandria, Jr.

▲ **MANILA —** Raffy Saulong 120, and Roger de la Rosa, also 120, drew, 10.

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY —** Andy Balaba, 108, won unanimous decision over Rudy Magdasal, also 108, 10.

Rocky Abobling, 151, halted Jun Sarana, 145, seven.

Lino Bernadas, 134, won unanimous decision over Greg Clarin, 133, in the first 10-rounder.

THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK —** Lumpinee Stadium — Former OPBF junior flyweight champion Monsayarm H. Mahachai, 116, knocked out Kongchai Sithgunpai, also 116, four.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Ratanachai Punvith, 110, the Thailand Boxing Commission's fifth-ranked flyweight, knocked out Thepphichit Hollywood, 112, in the second round.

▲ **BANKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Charnek U. Yuthanakarn, 124, the TBC's top bantamweight contender, demolished Numchok Sithsaneh, 125, in the second round.

▲ **BANKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Dechnarong V. Chareonrat, 132, decked former Thai featherweight champion Chanakiat Kiatmuangyom, 131, for three nine-counts and won unanimous decision, six. Kiatmuangyom had changed his first name from Sayoay. He'd better hang them up for good.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajademnern Stadium —** Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm, 115, the TBC's fourth-ranked flyweight, outscored Mongkol Kiatjongrak, also 115, six.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Thani Singthounvung, 121, won a split decision over promoting Pohgphan S. Phayathai, 122, six.

BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium — Chatmongkol Thairungriang pulled off quite an upset, knocking out Morakot Lud-i-yara in the third round. Luk-i-yara was the TBC's 10th-ranked junior flyweight.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Sakdisamai Ch. Sirirat, 118, outpointed Achen Sukothai, also 118, the TBC's eighth-ranked junior bantamweight, six.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Former Thai junior featherweight champion Dejvarin Hollywood, 127, outscored Ryuji Kanazawa, 128, Japan, eight. Dejvarin's straight right hand was too much for Kanazawa, a former kickboxer making his debut in the international style, to cope with.

▲ **BANGKOK — Haumak Indoor Stadium —** Suriya Pratumvadee, 116, the TBC's top junior bantamweight contender, won unanimous decision over Num S. Phayathai, also 116, six.

▲ **BANGKOK Lumpinee Stadium —** Kom Chartsurat, a hard hitter and TBC's fourth-ranked bantamweight, demolished Sommai Sithsaneh, 116, in the second round.

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▲ DENILIQUIN—Basketball Stadium—Australian triple champion Paul Ferreri, 126, successfully defending his featherweight title, halting Roger Henry, 126, in the eighth round. Henry scored with a few heavy punches, but, in Ferreri, he was meeting a master who would give any of the world's featherweights a run for their money. It was a crowd pleasing encounter.

In the main support, scheduled for eight, Ron Keillor, 147, was trailing Tony Noone, also 147, until Noone ran into a couple of beauties in the fourth round. Referee Bruce Douglas, who also was the third man in the title tilt, gave Noone a standing eight-count, but then stopped it and crowned Keillor. Noone was not focusing.

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▲ INGLEBURN—R.S.L. Club—Frank Axisa and Trevor Singleton broke into the promoting field when they promoted a NSW State junior lightweight title tilt, the program starting at 2 pm, Sunday. Kirk Blair, 124½, gained a split decision over Dennis Talbot, 127, to take the vacant crown, and the excited crowd showered the ring with notes and coins. It was an exciting battle, but, for the life of me, I cannot see how Blair won. Unofficially, I scored Talbot a clear winner.

▲ KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—Andy Broome's scheduled tiff with Eddie Buttons was cancelled owing to the former's K.O. at the hands of Frank Ropis four nights earlier. A six-rounder wound up heading the program, with Clint Brown, 147, outpointing Andy Mann, also 147.

▲ BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club—Clint Brown, 146, outpointed Billy Harrison, 150, eight. A good bout.

Calby Barkwell, 142, outscored Buddy Clare, 134, five. Sam Parsons, 150, outpointed Merv Croaker, 153, four. Barry Simon, 144, outscored Ray Kelly, 148, four. Jeff Perkins, 126, kayoed Rocky Warren, 122, in the final round of their scheduled four.

▲ KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—Unbeaten middleweight Ken Salsbury, 155, outpointed Buddy Nixon, 151, in the main event eight. Nixon, although well beaten, turned in a better performance than expected against the smart boxing Salsbury.

Clint Brown, 145, outpointed Billy Harrison, 149, six. Calby Barkell, 142, outscored Buddy Clare, 138, six. Mark Vallance, 140, kayoed Albert Singh, 138, in the third round of their scheduled four. Barry Simon, 149, and Ray Kelly, 148, drew, four.

▲ MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club—Wayne Mulholland, 119, had an easy points win over Rimbo Morris, 122, in the main 10. ONly one judge gave a round to Morris. Mulholland is a smart boxer.

Kelly Thompson, 146, outpointed comebacking Jimmy Greco, 149, in a good eight.

▲ TIGHES HILL—Newcastle North Leagues Club—Boxing came here for the first time when Peter Berrigan and Kelly Thompson headlined over eight. Berrigan, 140, remained unbeaten, outpointing Thompson, 146.

Andy Mann, 144, outpointed Manuel Trickilis, 138, six. Young Corbett, 167, and Col Eckford, 158, drew, four. Whizzer Lawrence, 141 outscored Arnie Vincent, four. Sam Parsons, 150, kayoed Mike McGee, 158, in the first round of their scheduled four.

▲ KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—Eddie Buttons, 145, crossed gloves with Buddy Nixon, 150, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Buttons won by TKO when the referee called a halt as Nixon rose from a knockdown in the third round.

Four-rounders: Con O'Connor, 162, outpointed Jim Fonu, 164. Mark Vallance, 143, kayoed Ray Kelly, 146, in the third round. Doc Rutton, 127, and Sparrow Freeman, 124, drew, four. Merv Croaker, 156, kayoed Sam Parsons, 150, in the first round.

QUEENSLAND

▲ BRISBANE—Festival Hall—Billy Johnstone, 156½, was too strong and persistent for veteran Dave Edwards, 155½, referee Alan Moore stopping the bout in the ninth round. The bout, for the Queensland State middleweight title, was scheduled for 10. Johnstone can make 154 with ease, and is seeking a shot at the vacant Australian junior middleweight crown.

Rex Cannon, 133, halted Greg Liesegang, 130, in the eighth round of another scheduled 10. Greg, one of the most exciting fighters produced in Queensland in recent years, seems to be nearing the end, although still a young man. His brand of slugging does not make for a long career.

A scheduled eight-rounder saw Ian Hooker, 164, give away a lot of weight to Kevin Wagstaff, 182. Experience, however, told, and Hooker halted Wagstaff in the sixth round.

VICTORIA

▲ MELBOURNE—Festival Hall—Frank Ropis, 146½, who was disqualified in his Australian junior welterweight title tilt with champion Jeff Malcolm last year, had an easy win over Andy Broome, 143½, in their scheduled 10-rounder. The towel came into the ring in round four as Broome hit the deck. Andy rose immediately, but referee Al Basten called things off. A K.O. win for Ropis, who goes into a title bout with Australian welterweight champion Lawrence "Baby Cassius" Auston.

Rocky Vilella, 148, outpointed Kid Preston, 142, six. Manny Benson, 144, outscored Johnny Sacco, 148, four. Joe Mario, 167, outpointed Tony Edwards, 166, four. Hans Hefner, 132, outscored Billy Winn, 136, three.

▲ MELBOURNE—Festival Hall—Southpaw Jimmy Brown, 133½, leading contender for the Australian lightweight title, did not give sensational hitter Lindsay Roberts, 136½, a chance to unload his left hook in their scheduled 10-rounder. Brown was seldom in position for Roberts to score, and he took charge, ending the bout with a K.O. in round three. Roberts has suffered a few K.O. defeats in his career, but you never walk up to him front on. Brown, still, of course, the leading contender, wants Barry Michael to defend. Barry is agreeable, but the managers and promoters cannot get together.

Rocky Vilella, 141, kayoed Manny Benson, 143, in the fourth round of their scheduled six. Joe Mario, 167, outscored Tony Edwards, 165, six. Mick Parkinson, 126, and Hans Hefner, 133, drew, three.

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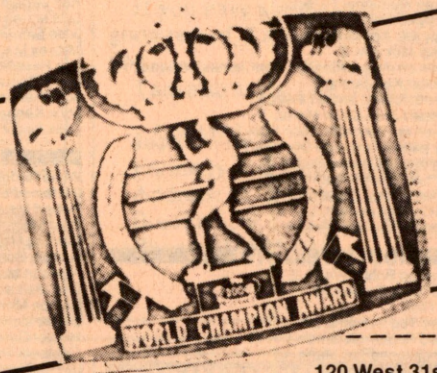

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Raul Molina beat James Blevins, 10
Sterling McPherson iced Manny Lopez, 1
Ramon Gonzales outscored Julio Mendez, 10
Norman Morton halted Alan Oag, 3
Des Morrison decisioned Sylvester Mittee, 12
Clinton McKenzie stopped George Peacock, 3
Derek McKenzie beat Clifford Griffith, 10
Hector Carrasquilla stopped Ricardo Garcia, 2
Cristobal Torres beat Hugo Rengifo, 10
Javier Solis halted Francisco Peralta, 2
Billy Watkins stopped Ramiro Hernandez, 4
Louie Hubela iced Louis Daniels, 1
Louie Hubela beat Jean LaPointe, 8
Billy Costello stopped Kato Ali, 3
Mark Ibanez decisioned Joe Lim, 10

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Roberto Elizondo decisioned Antonio Nava, 10
Rodolfo Gonzalez stopped Nacho Jiminez, 3
Johnny Contreras beat Gustavo Rodriguez, 8
Reynaldo Hidalgo halted Norberto Ramirez. 3
Enrique Maxwell kayoed Roberto Collins, 5
Cocoa Sanchez outpointed Pete Padilla, 10
Tony Santana stopped George Casher, 4
John Verderosa beat Jose Gonzalez, 8
Cornelius Boza-Edwards stopped Benny Marquez, 4
Ray Mancini iced Bobby Sparks, 1
Najib Daho halted Billy Vivian, 5
Tim Moloney beat Danny Connolly, 8
Blaine Dickson outpointed Ricardo Jimenez, 10
Ricky Beaumont kayoed Willie Booth, 4
Tony Carroll decisioned Winston Spencer, 8
Davey Armstrong iced Edmundo Arrelano, 1
Herman Montes stopped Jerry Venzor, 4

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello stopped Rolando Navarette, 5
(Retained WBC Title)
Bazooka Limon decisioned Frank Ahumada, 10
Johnny Sato beat Miguel Meza, 10
Carlos Serrano stopped Otto Breeding, 5
Benjamin Zapata kayoed Estanislao Garcia, 2
Luis Rivera defeated Alfonso Perez, 10
Leonardo Martinez stopped Simon Fortanel, 4
Manuel Abedoy beat Jamie Nava, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Salvador Sanchez beat Ruben Castillo, 15
(Retained World Title)
Wilfredo Gomez halted Eddie Ndukwu, 4
Alberto Collazo stopped Jose Nieto, 9
Pat Ford halted Nelson Cruz Tamariz, 4
Adonis Torres kayoed Roberto Sanchez, 4
Ulises Morales beat Francisco Gonzalez, 10
Pascual Patterson knocked out Luis Riviere, 4
Juan LaPorte decisioned David Capo, 10
Carmelo Negron halted Tony Pizzarro, 7
Rocky Garcia beat Fel Clemente, 10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Leo Randolph stopped Ricardo Cardona, 15
(Won WBA Title)
Noel Arriesgado stopped Cookie Valencia, 3
Nestor Jimenez halted Patricio Nunez, 7
Luis Avila kayoed Henry Ruiz, 11
Fred Roach stopped Billy Martinez, 2
Alcibrades Blandon iced Carols Worrell, 1
Mario Miranda beat Humberto Castillo, 10
Francisco Marquez and Gustavo Martinez drew, 10
Jaime Garza kayoed Pedro Gonzales, 3

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Gilbert Villicana beat Elias DeLeon, 10
Dave Smith outscored Jimmy Bott, 8
Billy Straub decisioned Ian Murray, 8
Oscar Muniz stopped Juan Romero, 9

FLYWEIGHTS
Chan-Hee Park outscored Alberto Morales, 15
(Retained World Title)
Rafael Orono decisioned Ramon Soria, 15
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Antonio Avelar halted Aniceto Vargas, 4
Pedro Galaviz stopped Candy Iglesias, 6
Steve Muchoki beat Manuel Carrasco, 8
Mike Irungu outscored Mariano Garcia, 8
Melquiades Caballero stopped Carlos Caicedo, 5
Miguel Lara halted Justo Goeryey, 3
Orlando Maldonado beat Tito Roque, 10
Amado Ursua outscored Jorge DeJesus, 10
Alfonso Lopez decisioned Freddy Castillo, 10

Amateur ratings

HEAVYWEIGHT
1-Tony Tubbs, Santa Monica
2-Marvis Frazier, Philadelphia
3-Michael Arms, Milwaukee
4-Joe Thomas, Philadelphia
5-Alfonzo Ratliff, Chicago
6-Mitch Green, New York City
7-David Bey, Germantown, Pa.
8-Tony Robitaille, Colchester, Vt.
9-Richard Cade, Ft. Smith, Ark.
10-James Broad, Army

178 LBS.
1-Tony Tucker, Grand Rapids
2-Steve Eden, Des Moines
3-Bernard Benton, Toledo
4-Lee Roy Murphy, Chicago
5-Elmer Martin, Navy
6-Jay Strickland, Dallas
7-Clifford May, Hutchinson, Kans.
8-Alex DeLucia, Portland, Ore.
9-Porfirio Llanes, New York City
10-Willie Edwards, Detroit

165 LBS.
1-Lamont Kirkland, Omaha
2-Charles Henderson, Kansas City, Mo.
3-Andy May, Clarksville, Ark.
4-Paul McPeek, Huntington, W. Va.
5-Randy Smith, Chicago
6-L.B. Towns, Columbus
7-Willard Nance, Eliabeth, N.J.
8-Poncho Carter, Augusta, Ga.
9-Martin Pierce, Grand Rapids
10-Tom Mosley, St. Louis

156 LBS.
1-James Shuler, Philadelphia
2-Alex Ramos, Bronx, N.Y.
3-Alfred Mayes, St. Louis
4-Donald Bowers, Jackson, Tenn.
5-Ken Styles, Marines
6-Charles Garner, Ruston, La.
7-Harry Truman, Hutchinson, Kans.
8-Mike Lucero, Denver
9-Brian Pantzlaff, Des Moines
10-James Rayford, Navy

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1-Ed Green, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
2-Donald Curry, Fort Worth
3-Pedro Vilella, New York City
4-Jake Torrence, Chicago
5-Milton McCrory, Detroit
6-Davey Moore, New York City
7-Bobby Joe Young, Steubenville, Ohio
8-William Osborne, Philadelphia
9-Robert Cooper, Huntington, W. Va.
10-Robert Sawyer, Washington, D.C.

139 LBS.
1-Johnny Bumphus, Nashville
2-Terry Silver, Louisville
3-Darrell Chambers, Detroit
4-Donnie Branch, Columbus
5-Joe Edens, Huntington, W. Va.
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7-James Mitchell, Army
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10-Hurley Snead, Detroit

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2-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
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GREAT KO'S

WHO SAID "LIGHTNING NEVer strikes twice in the same place? Certainly not Tony DeMarco. And definitely not the 13,373 who crowded into Boston Garden on the night of November 30, 1955, to see their hometown favorite attempt to do something no welterweight champ had done since Barney Ross did it twenty years before—recapture his welterweight crown.

Just 173 days earlier, DeMarco had lost his crown to Carmen Basilio, the ex-Marine with the craglike features which bore more than a slight resemblance to the Nantucket shoreline in a 12-round throwback to the old barge fights. But now their local hero—called the "Miniature Marciano"—was fighting on his own turf, where he had lost just once in 33 outings. And, so sure was the local betting gentry that DeMarco would regain his crown that they had put their money where their faith was, bringing the pre-fight odds down to 6-5, pick 'em.

For, wasn't DeMarco the harder puncher with 30 of his 47 wins coming by kayo—including his most recent win, a one-round knock out of tough Chico Vejar—as opposed to Basilio's record of only 21 of his 47 wins knock outs? And hadn't DeMarco taken the first fight to Basilio? Hadn't he battered him from proverbial pillar-to-post for the first seven rounds, only to run out of gas and lose the championship he had won just 70 days before from Johnny Saxton? And weren't they told that this time it would be a different DeMarco in there against Basilio; one who would stick and move and yet be able to take him out with one shot?

And damned if it didn't look like DeMarco would do it, as the boy from Boston's North End went after Basilio almost from the opening bell, jolting the champ with two hard left hooks to the head and a tremendous right to Basilio's well-worn features just before the bell. Round Two saw both fighters banging away—Basilio to the body and DeMarco to the head. Basilio switched to the head just before the end of the round, cutting Tony's left eye, but also breaking his left hand in the process.

Deprived of his best weapon, his left hook, Basilio went back out to do battle in the third, landing with his right to both the body and the head while DeMarco missed with wild lefts and rights to the head of the bobbing Basilio, only once reaching him with a solid four-punch barrage that shook the champ. The rest of the round belonged to Basilio.

That was to be Basilio's Last Hurrah in the land of Last Hurrahs for many a round as DeMarco began landing his heavy artillery to the head of the champion in Round Four, one of his rights driving Basilio back three feet into the ropes, another right stinging Basilio, who had to hold on.

Round Five saw DeMarco stagger Basilio with a left-right combination and nail the champ with several hard rights. But the steel-chinned Basilio stayed upright, and answered with several good shots of his own. The torrid pace continued in Round Five as the challenger, totally without guile or deceit, aimed for and reached Carmen's head with a thunderous right-left combination, again staggering Basilio. The champion fought back, afterwards saying, "I knew I had him in the fifth round. There wasn't any sting left in his punches."

But, looking back, Carmen may well have been whistling past the graveyard, for DeMarco continued to land his haymakers on the unprotected chin of the champion in the sixth and seventh rounds. Unable to arrange his blows in combinations and immobile, DeMarco stood his ground and bombed away. And, with some thirty seconds left in the seventh, Basilio started a well-telegraphed right, but was caught with an equally well-timed left hook. Suddenly the man who had been down only once in his previous 65 fights was doing a bandy-legged impression of Leon Erroll, wobbling all over the ring as he literally took a standing knockdown. DeMarco was all over him. But even with a helpless victim half-standing and half-staggering in front of him, tottering on the brink of extinction, Tony couldn't land another, as he flailed way in animalistic style, throwing—and missing—more than 15 lethal punches in the last 20 seconds of the round.

Round Eight was more of the same, with a now-confident DeMarco hammering away at Basilio with savage hooks, overhand rights and jolting right leads. He disdained any subtleties—no left jab, no movement, no anything but bombs, bombs and more bombs.

By the end of the eighth the three scorecards reflected the tide of the fight: 79-74, 78-67 and 79-73, all DeMarco. Basilio had to knock DeMarco out to win. And his corner echoed what everyone else in the Garden knew, hollering: "Carmen, that guy's got your title unless you go to the belly." And go to the belly he did, pounding DeMarco's unprotected middle with both hands from close quarters throughout most of the three minutes of Round Nine.

Suddenly DeMarco looked like he was fighting in slow motion as Basilio continued to work on his body in the tenth. Arm-weary and looking to land the one big blow, he was beaten time and again to the punch as the champion hit him where he lived, the belly.

By Round Eleven the tide had turned dramatically and the outcome was no longer in doubt. Basilio himself knew it when he hit him with a left and then a right cross to the body. "I could tell he was really groggy then. I didn't go for any knockouts—just wanted to work his body till them. Then I knew I could get him . . ."

The end came in the same round as before—the twelfth—as Basilio, by then a tired puncher himself, landed a tired right, followed by an equally tired left and another right. DeMarco, silly with fatigue, his fire out, fell under the ropes, his head on the apron. At the count of eight he somehow managed to stand up and tottered forward to catch more of the same.

As Basilio caught DeMarco in a four-punch fusillade—left, right to the head, a left to the body and a crushing right to the head—referee Mel Manning rushed in to grab the now-unconscious DeMarco by his right arm, ending the fight in a grotesque tableau, with DeMarco hanging straight down, arm suspended, in a modern-day crucifixion.

The time of the second Boston Massacre? 1:54 of the twelth round, only two seconds more than it had taken Basilio to win their first brawl. Who says "Lightning never strikes twice in the same place"?

JIMMY JACOBS

AN OPEN UNABRIDGED UNINHIBITED AND UNDERWHELMING PUGILISTIC DICTIONARY

Like most nefarious activities, boxing has an argot all its own. No, argot is not *what the French call snails; It refers to the sport's spectacular vernacular. Even the most casual follower of prize fighting can understand the elementary terminology. But only the cognoscenti (also not a gourmet food) comprehend the more obscure lingo. Much of the outside-the-ring action in boxing is a war of words, so it is important that the fan be well-versed in the sweaty sub-culture's language—and to listen to many fight figures talk, you would think that English is their second language, there not being a first.*

But whether it's the dem-and-dose guys from the Bronx or Brooklyn, the mellow laid-back speakers of Los Angeles or just a manager-trainer in any one of hundreds of gyms throughout America speaking through his everpresent cigar, there are a number of idiotic and idiomatic expressions common to all.

Therefore, as a public service, I present Marley's Unabridged, Uninhibited and Underwhelming Pugilistic Dictionary — soon to be a minor motion picture, or at least a color slide — a tongue-in-cheek guide for the uninitiated to the really important terms in boxing:

AMATEUR NIGHT IN DIXIE: Horrendous promotion. Arum's infamous Louisville Pearl Divers show on CBS or King's legendary Foreman Five, the ABC extravaganza foisted upon the good citizens of Toronto.

BEARD: Fighter's ability to take a punch. As in Duane Bobick has "a weak beard", but a strong back.

BOSTON DECISION: If you're white, you're right. Take the unanimous decision, do not pass "GO", do not collect $200.

BOXING COMMISSIONER: The governor owed him one. One hack who isn't on Taxi and Limousine Bureau duty but should be. Believes boxing is too violent, but keeps ghetto youths off the subway. Main contribution to the sport is snoring during commission meetings.

BOXING WRITER: The publisher's cousin. Sports editor feels he is not suited to handle a more reputable sport such as lawn bowling or indoor soccer. The few with high principles cannot be bought by anyone. But they can often be rented for special occasions. When a fight scribe is said to be "on the pad", it doesn't mean he's writing something down.

CHUMP CHANGE: What fighters are paid on club level. What Howard Davis Jr.'s opponents receive. Hardly a piece of The Rock. Purses which enable fighter to invest in rare wines like Thunderbird or Boones Farm.

CLUB FIGHTER: One who has been served too many knuckle sandwiches. Fighter who thinks ducking is what you do when a bill collector knocks.

CONSULTANT: Emphasis on the "Con". Best billing you can have since no rules or regulations hinder activity. Like an octopus when money is in nearby pockets. But displays reach impediment when dinner check appears, and has first dollar earned still sewn in pants pocket. Believes he was born to be the world's guest.

CONTENDER: Fighter whose manager is paid-up (in full, thank you!) member of WBC, WBA and/or Roone Arledge Fan Club. Boxers from places like Lesser Mongolia are rated automatically. In times gone by, would be a club fighter; but today ham-and-eggs are featured on TV fight menus.

DRAGON LADY: Aileen Eaton, the fire-breathing matriarch at LA's historic Olympic Auditorium. The redhead didn't survive in this business by following Emily Post's rules of etiquette. Her bite is worse than her bark. If she reaches the age of 93, she will not be venerable. (See "Venerable," below).

FAN: All-day sucker who expects the worst—and is usually not disappointed.

FIGHT JUDGE: Guy who voted right in last election. Vision weak in one eye, completely gone in other. Leaves white cane and dog outside arena. When fight is close, he'll flip a coin or use applause meter to determine which combatant has fewest fans in attendance. Scorecards are deciphered by 12 Egyptian priests or his pal, the commissioner.

FLASH GORDON: Obscenity to boxing's evildoers. Gordon's newsletter deals in top soil, crabgrass and artificial turf. He digs up boxing's dirt and many would like to bury him.

GAME: As in the fight *game* people play. Or, a fighter who spends more time on canvas than LeRoy Neiman. Like a candle, one blow and he's out. Habit of jumping up at count of 12 and protesting stoppage of fight.

GENERAL ELECTRIC: High-voltage personality Donald King, the one-time Cleveland street mathematician. As Richard Pryor's wino said, "Boy what a genius! Booked the numbers, didn't use no paper or pencil!" Went to finishing school on federal grant-in-aid in Marion, Ohio. What light through yonder cell breaks? That hairdo is not Vidal Sassoon's. It's King's creation, his crown.

GYM FIGHTER: Mirror, Mirror, on the wall. Through the looking glass, he's great. On fight night, please pass the mustard because this hot dog is lousy. There are at least 10,000 gym champs in Philadelphia.

HAM-AND-EGGER: Ordered "to go" by promoters seeking to build up local heroes. Flyswatter couldn't break 'em. Often winds up career with scrambled brains.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: Last man to hold this honor alone was Leon Spinks or Bruno Sammartino. Now it's two men who are recognized by either WBC, WBA or their grandmothers. One world, one champion is thought to be an archaic tradition. Now it's the more the merrier; the more the more anonymous.

HONEST BILL: AKA The Squire of San Juan, Bill Daly, unvenerable King associate who carried water bucket for Cain in his bout with Abel. Would be an elder statesman of boxing but Puerto Rico has commonwealth status. Passing acquaintance of Philadelphia's phinest Mr. "Blinky" Palermo but, in boxing, don't believe in guilt spelled by association.

JOURNEYMAN: An often-pasted tomato can.

MANAGER: Fellow considered unfit by society to hold down a normal job. Favors use of first person plural (as in "*We* belted him out) when boxer is successful. Pronoun changes in bad times ("*He* took a swim for that guy."): Manager's educational backgrounds vary, but many are adept at the ancient art of license-plate making.

MUTT: Often a racist label applied to any black fighter not willing to bleed until he requires an in-ring transfusion. It's a black man's burden to prove he's not a bow-wow type. Harold Weston was awarded this red badge of courage for his gutty showing against Pipino Cuevas. A canine streak showed in Alfredo Evangelista when he toppled to canvas after a Larry Holmes punch touched his elbow.

MY WORD: As in "I give you my word." Not worth the paper it's written on. If on paper beware of invisible ink. See N.G.

N.G.: No good. A promise from most promoters. Also as in a piece of paper such as check from one-shot promoter Dirk Summers, the Hollywood hotshot who gave us Norton-Lovell and then gave creditors the slip.

OFF TO ZAMBIA: Where Mickey Duff tells people he must hustle to when he's had enough chatting.

PANTRY: Spanish fans say abajo, Italians la panza. But it means the same thing: the stomach, the breadbasket. Kill the body and the head dies. Today's boxers dislike shots to the breadbasket.

PROMOTER: Usually doesn't know a hook from a skyhook. The illegitimate sons of Sammy Glick. They often have turquoise jewelry in their car trunks or deeds to Florida vacation homes (read "swamp land") for sale when things are slow. They think scruples are something for sale in a Horchow catalogue.

REFEREE: Ex-pug unrelated to commissioner. A backslapper, he likes inducing sacroiliac discomfort to fighters who clinch. Believes neutral corner is a nickname for his favorite bar.

ROB JOB: As in "We wuz robbed." Anguished cry of an experienced loser. Petty theft, rather than grand larceny. The big heists are made by promoters who whack up TV swag.

RUG MERCHANT: Robert Arum, the Brooklyn lad who matriculated at Harvard Law. He discovered Neon Leon Spinks and has made numerous other contributions to American society. Count your change, please. All sales are final.

SOUTHLAND: Itinerant matchmaker Bruce Trampler, a kid who misspent collegiate days booking fighters and sleeping in bus terminals. He left Werblin's Garden of Eden because he was not the Big Apple of King's eye.

STIFF: Tomato surprise, ham-and-eggs, and Kennel-Ration to travel. Also what commissioners and fight writers do to waitress or bartender.

STYLIST: Artful dodger, like Jimmy Young who couldn't draw a map, much less ticket-buying fans. His fights are good for insomniacs—All-doze and little action. Pacifist of the first degree.

THE ENTOURAGE: Mercenary followers of Ali led by Drew (Bundini) Brown. They cringe when someone orders a Tab and disappear when a lower-case tab is delivered.

THE KID: Gypsy matchmaker Mickey Davies, who will never see 21 candles again. Has had more zip codes than a runaway trailer.

THE TORCH: Fiery Richie Giachetti, sparkplug for Larry Holmes career.

TICKER: A boxer's Heart Fund. See mutt. Guy who doesn't faint during weigh-in or

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INSIDE BOXING

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THE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR "THE COMmon people"—the fight managers of years gone by—to come forth and be counted once again. What there was of this group has been gobbled up by the two major fight promoters in this country. Years ago matches were made at a bar, over a shot and a beer. And their word, in those days, was their bond; no attorneys to toss fancy words and phrases around to baffle the poor pugilist with their "gift of gab".

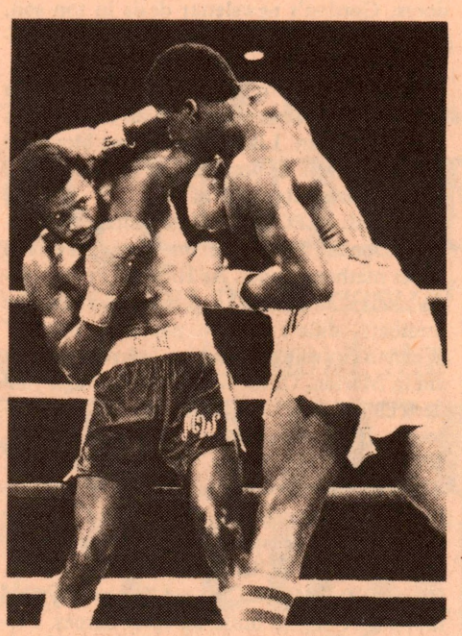
This situation *must* be corrected to return the "fight manager" to his rightful place in the business of boxing. The time has come to inform the public that boxing's chief victims are the boxers who make this million dollar racket possible. It is time to campaign for honest titles, honestly awarded for outstanding ability and honestly accepted by the fighters.

We are fighting for generations of kids who desperately thirst for the opportunity to display their fistic wares without having to sell their souls to "promoters"—lest they fall by the wayside, fighting in small clubs for lunch money. Much top notch talent never receives its just due because the fighters do not have a promoter "connection".

No harm will come to the Bob Arum-Don King combine. This kind will always survive and flourish. And no harm will come to the promoters who are tied in with the combo. But the danger is that the boys of tommorow will be penalized. I urge you to join with me in the fight to return the "old-time fight manager" to his rightful place.

With proper management, the development of John Tate, the ex-WBA heavyweight champion, should have gone on for another year or so. His board of strategy took a hard puncher in Mike Weaver and Tate got kayoed. Tate, who never really peaked, was still in the process of learning the trade. Now his career might well be over...

Good to hear that ex-U.S. Marine Terry Downes, who stopped Paul Pender for middleweight title in London, July 11th, 1961—only to lose it back to Pender in Boston, April 7th, 1962—is now president of the Boxing Association in London. Terry also owns several of the legalized "betting shops" in London and is a millionaire today. . .



Jack Dempsey's old trainer, Teddy Hayes, is 91 years old and living in Scottsdale, Arizona. Teddy just faded out of the fistic picture . . .Ditto for Al Lacy, veteran Brookline, Mass. fight trainer. Al hit his 81st birthday recently and is doing well for himself around Boston. Lacy told me, "I am not interested in taking another fighter—the kids today are not serious enough and I do not need the aggravation." Al's last fighter—and last champ—was Paul Pender...

Boxing people who wish to make sure that *The Ring Record Book* carries their fighter's complete record should send an affidavit with it signed by an inspector or member of their boxing commission. Or, at the very least, a newspaper account. In the future, to protect the fighter as well as the public, verbal accounts or letters will not be sufficient. This procedure will not only work in the best interests of the fighter, but of boxing as well...

Tony Petronelli, a veteran junior welterweight from Brockton, Mass., will not return to the ring dust and resin until he has his nose operated on. He has had trouble breathing properly ever since his loss to Larry Stanton in Las Vegas last December...Henry Clark, former California heavyweight, who managed during his ring days by Joe Herman, is now applying for a promoter's license on the coast. Clark already told any ringsiders who would listen that he plans to give unbeaten Sal Lopez—Babe Griffin's protege—$5,000 for his next fight. Maybe Henry should get his promoter's license first and make his commitments later!

See you next month--keep punching!

touch his knee to canvas during the national anthem may have ticker.

TICKET-SELLER: Local prospect who makes his mother pay because he's on percentage.

TIMEKEEPER: Guy who owns Mickey Mouse watch with at least one hand. Often awakened by sound of bell. Third cousin of commissioner.

TOMATO CAN: The secret is in the sauce. Only way he can win is if opponent doesn't show up. Easily identified by hospital ID wristband. See *Ring*'s Bottom 10 rankings of the rankest (November, 1979 issue). Odor of his performance known to clear out largest arenas.

TRAINER: Manager's chronically-unemployed brother-in-law. Medical background limited to watching reruns of Marcus Welby, M.D. Fixes cuts the way most people fix a flat tire. Can't go out with boxer for roadwork because bars haven't closed yet. Unwanted motel guest because of kleptomania which centers around clean, white towels.

USED CAR SALESMAN: Say it loud. His dad was proud to be first black Volkswagen agency owner. Rising promotional star Ronald (you can call me "Butch") Lewis would like to take Arum, King etc. all for a ride. He is former babysitter for Neon Leon. And now makes sure Greg Page's feed bucket is full.

VEGAS: The Land That God Forgot. Boxing Capital of the world. Where you can bet $500 on a four-rounder.And where King and Arum are both generals in Caesar's Army. Some people actually live in Desert Disneyland but too few for network execs to worry about. Home of the Blackout and the blackout.

VENERABLE: Fight game oldtimer who is often broke. He poses no threat to make a buck, thereby depriving any greedy promoter or manager. When they call you this, it means you're arthritic, senile, and haven't comitted a felony in at least three or four years. Someday, they might say that Blinky Palermo, the noted Philadelphia amateur boxing supporter and philanthropist is venerable. Now they say Sonny Werblin is venerable. (Not the same as a venerable disease.)

WALKOUT BOUT: Post-main prelim or post-lim(?), seen only by immediate relatives of participants.

WET SUIT: Ring attire worn by splashers.

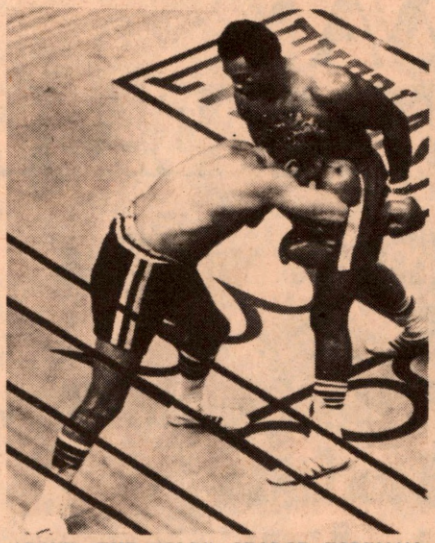
WHITE HOPE: Caucasian fighter who disproves Professor Shockley's controversial racial theory. Cannot spell "boxing". An air-conditioning repairman or longshoreman unable to find a decent hobby. His foes all wear the Hunt's label but he is usually just a spicy meatball himself.

EVERLAST: What Marley's Triple U Pugilistic Dictionary won't do. ■

MIKE MARLEY

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FOREMAN GOES FROM BOXING TO RELIGION



(ABOVE) THE "OLD" GEORGE FOREMAN FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH A RIGHT TO SCOTT LE DOUX'S BODY IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THEIR AUGUST 14, 1976 FIGHT IN UTICA, NEW YORK. BIG GEORGE KAYOED SCOTT IN THREE.

(BELOW) THE FOREMAN OF TODAY. GEORGE HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO PREACHING THE GOSPEL.

HOUSTON — THE SOUNDS OF AN electric guitar and tambourine offer a slow, jangling rhythm for dozens of wailing black women who dance limply arm-in-arm or kneel and sway back and forth at a long altar.

The gray brick building housing the rocking church service is devoid of religious adornments and lies hidden behind an abandoned motel and shiny aluminum building that front the narrow street.

This is the nighttime world of George Foreman, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

Foreman, who describes himself as an evangelist of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, is dressed simply but neatly in slacks, loafers, a work shirt and blue jean jacket. He seems to glide among the worshippers, shaking hands, laughing and speaking softly.

"God bless you for coming," he tells a guest.

Moments later, over coffee at the pastor's house behind the church, the former boxer says he is overweight at about 280 pounds, but has never felt better.

"This is the greatest time I've ever had in my life," he said. "Action every day. I feel good every day. When I was champ, you had to win a fight to feel good. But I feel good all the time now.

"I don't know if you've ever been to an Astros game where you see people get excited. They are jumpin' and tellin' everybody, 'Go, go, blue,' and all that. Well, we get in that building and we do the same thing for Jesus. Every night. And we don't have to wait for the season. We do it 12 months a year. And that blesses our soul.

The change from ghetto bad boy, Job Corps volunteer, Olympic boxing champion, monied heavyweight titlist to a born-again Christian who defied death—if only in his mind—began after a disillusioning split decision loss to Jimmy Young in March 1977 in Puerto Rico.

"I came back to Houston right after the fight. I was traveling in California telling of my experience. I was on national TV telling about it. As time went on I met a brother with this church, the one playing the guitar, brother Lombard. He listened to what happened to me. And he believed me," Foreman said.

What Foreman told Lombard and what he tells those who attend his revivals is this: "I was pacing the locker room. My thoughts were, 'Well, you've been everywhere, you've got everything. You don't have to worry about no fights. What you care? You gonna retire or go home and die?'

"Right in the midst of my conversation, the word sneaked in there, die. And I thought, how did that get in there? You can understand retiring, but not dying. But I realized as it got closer and closer that I was shaking off death in there. So I started to exercise. I told myself, 'I'm not going to die; I'm all right.'

"And then I heard a voice that said, 'If you believe in God, why are you scared to die?' Whew! That's when business picked up in there. After a while, life just left me, just left out of me. I was embarrassed to tell people after a fight that I was fixing to die. They're going to think, 'Oh champ, you'll win another fight. Don't worry about it.

"When life left me I don't know where this place was. It was a dark, sad place. All over my head and feet. Just nothing. Just empty. And I said, 'Well, I don't care if this is death. I still believe in God.' And when I said that it was just like I came back out of this place, I was back in the locker room."

Foreman was told he passed out.

Gil Clancy, a New York promoter, who took over Foreman's career after his 1974 "rope-a-dope" title loss to Mumammad Ali in Zaire, was in the Puerto Rico locker room.

"I have an opinion as to what happened and it's a pretty strong opinion," he said. "He did suffer heat prostration. And when you suffer from that, doctors will tell you that you experience hallucinations. He sincerely believes he went through a religious experience. I spoke to him a couple of weeks ago and he said he was happy. I believe him. When he talks about God, he's not conning anybody."

And the God he talks about today is the same one Foreman couldn't comprehend as a child.

"When I was little my mother used to tell me to go read the Bible," he said. "But you couldn't make no sense out of the 'wherefore art thou' and 'therefore art thou'."

Whether from dehydration or a death-defying encounter with God, Foreman's life changed direction and took him, in three years, to the now nightly revivals. Along the way, he lost his wealth, challenged the police for his right to preach loudly and publicly and dealt with accusations he was brainwashed.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE REAL McCOY

His Name Was Shelby & His Game Was Boxing — And Women

He stood nervously at the prison gate that hot summer morning, and no one would have recognized him. In one trembling hand he carried an extra pair of shoes, clumsily wrapped in white paper. In the other he held a tiny wooden cage, and behind its bars a canary fluttered in fright and made no sound.

"G'wan sing, why don'tcha," he said. "Sing like ya did up in the cell."

But the canary shrank from his voice and was silent. And so was Kid McCoy, ex-champ and old man. For today he was coming out. He and the pet bird and the shoddy past of rosined glory and bedrooms and death.

There had been many things he wanted to say. He'd been thinking about this moment for seven years and three months and ten days. He would check out with a wisecrack. Maybe two or three. They'd remember ol' Kid McCoy around San Quentin for his wisecracks about women and love.

He'd say something snappy, like: "There's too many broads on Broadway." Or: "Women was made from a rib, and she's still a ticklish problem." The newspapermen would be there, and the next day it would be in the papers. Kid McCoy still Kidding. So here he was at the gates on July 22,1932, and his mind was like a strip of old film, streaked and blurred.

"Goodbye, Kid," the warden said. "Good luck."

The Kid blinked, and his tongue was dry.

So long, Warden," he said. No wisecracks. Nothing.

There was a car waiting, and the Kid slid heavily into the front seat. He held the bird cage on his lap and handed me the package of shoes to hold.

"Let's get out of here," he said.

The Kid kept his pale eyes on the bay, away from the gun towers and the long gray walls, and soon the prison was out of sight behind the dry brown hills of Marin. It was a long, slow ride to San Francisco by road and ferry, and presently the Kid straightened up and the little dimples deepened around the edge of his mouth.

"Well, Kid," I said, "I guess you'll be settling down now. You'll probably get married again, too."

He shot a swift, roguish glance at me. "Take it easy. Take it easy. Nine times at the alter's enough. Anyway, I got work to do."

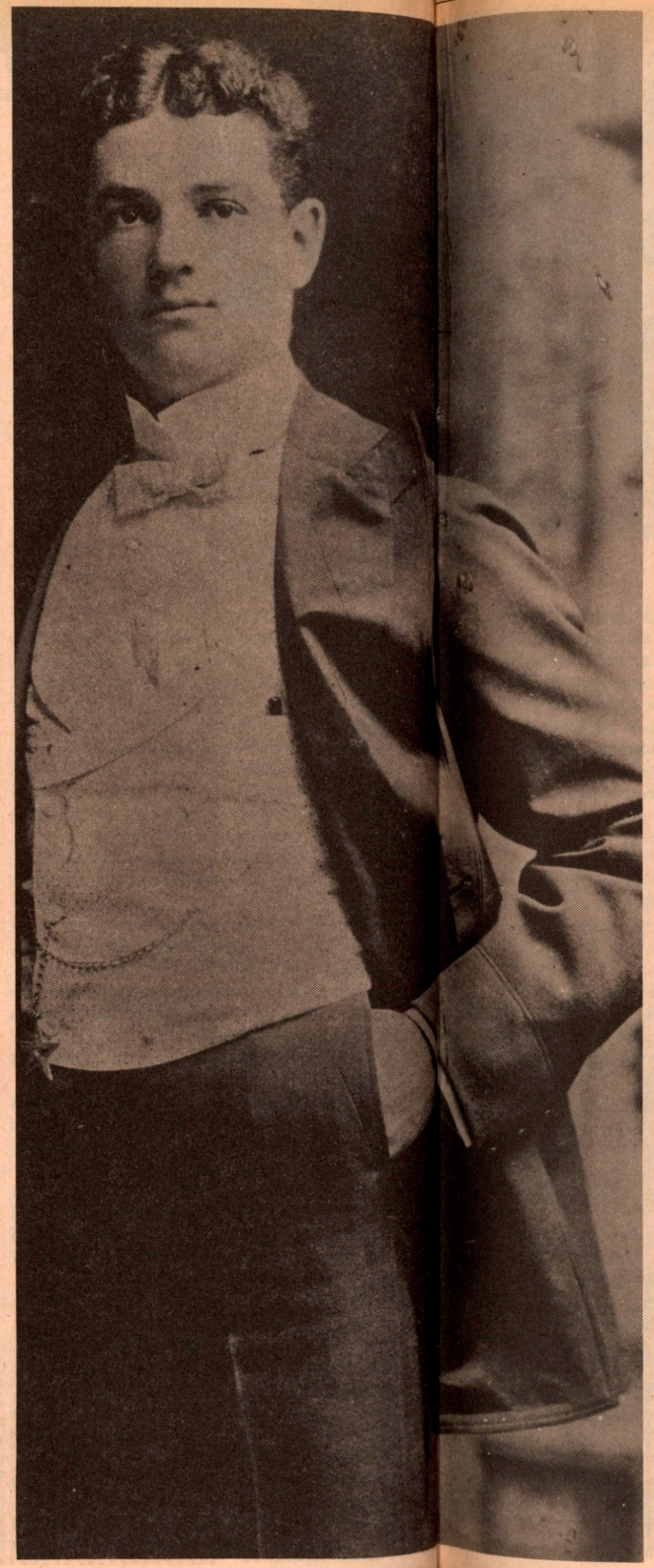
The Kid chewed over that thought for a moment, and his forehead rippled like a washboard.

"Yes, sir," he continued, "love is only a habit — take it from me. I've learned plenty in sixty years. The easy dough goes the quickest, and the brightest lights always go out first when there are women around."

Kid, I thought, you haven't changed a bit. That's what you said the first time I met you. And later I used to watch you, sitting in front of the prison fire house, when women visitors came up the long walk. You winked at them and looked right through their clothes. And you got short of breath just thinking about it.

"Kid," I said, "I'll give you three-to-one you're married again in a year."

He laughed out loud, and his soft, fat jowls quivered. "Says you! Who wants an old man like me now? There was a time when — well,



McCoy shows he is a two-sport man taking his "licks" at the plate during a training break.

it's like I say. I got more important things to do. And anyway, I've already seen everything. And I mean everything."

We parted at the Ferry Building in San Francisco.

The Kid looked spry and dapper in his new blue suit, and his face was free from the scars of his trade. I knew we'd miss him on our frequent trips to the Big House, for he always had a story to tell; and when he blew the dust from the pages of long ago, they were always new and shining. There had never been a fighter like him, and there would never be another. It was as he said . . . He'd seen everything.

Almost everything, he meant . . . He still hadn't seen death.

But he would . . . because he wanted to.

Soon . . .

On Flat Rock Creek, in the State of Indiana, there is a town named Rushville. It sits approximately 967 feet above sea level, is served by five railroads and does a big business in blooded hogs. Also, to those historians who record the milestones of pugilism, it is known as the birthplace of one Norman Selby, alias Kid McCoy.

The date was October 13, 1873, and doubtless the proud parents, Francis and Emily Selby, had no misgivings whatsoever about the boy's future.

But the youngster was definitely allergic to books, and his formal education ended after he finished his fourth year of grammar school. He ran away from home when he was 13 and spent the five years on the road.

Kid McCoy was never a killer; but he was a born fighter. He prepared for the ring by slugging brakemen and railroad detectives from coast-coast, inventing new punches in the process.

One day, while he was home recuperating from a kick in the teeth, McCoy watched a kitten toying with a cloth ball. He noticed that the tabby's paw came toward the ball at an angle instead of in a straight line. The Kid began to wonder what would happen if he used the same stroke, with a quick sharp twist, similar to the spin given a bullet by the rifling in the barrel.

First he practiced the punch on a sack of cement.

"It worked fine," he said. "It hurt my knuckles but I could make powder outa dry cement. So the next time I was in a bar and got in a fight, I delivered my new calling card."

The unfortunate guinea pig caved in, screaming that McCoy had opened his gizzard with a long knife. This was strictly an illusion, of course, but to this day old-timers claim McCoy's "corkscrew" punch felt as if you had your stomach removed and stuffed into a bottle.

When he was 18, Kid McCoy signed for his first professional fight and successfully embalmed one Pete Jenkins.

Approximately five years later, after one-night stands in almost every state of the Union, the Kid was matched with the mighty Tommy Ryan, then welterweight champion.

"They thought I was a sucker, see?" he says. "They said I was too young, too wild and too nervy. So I decided to murder 'im." The fight went fifteen rounds, and the great Ryan was carried out, stiff as a totem pole. It was a great triumph for the Kid.

Also, this was the first little scratch of erosion.

Kid McCoy, 23 years old, was ushered into a world of lingerie and perfume, champagne and bright lights, Saturday night brawls with hangovers. He had been married once, to Charlotte "Lottie" Piehler, a washerwoman's daughter. By the time he fought Ryan he had added Charlotte Smith to the roster.

Now with a championship in his hands and dollars in his brain, the Kid moved into the big time. The lady was Julie Woodruff, a New York actress, and the Kid stole her from Diamond Jim Brady.

From that time on, marriage was a revolving door.

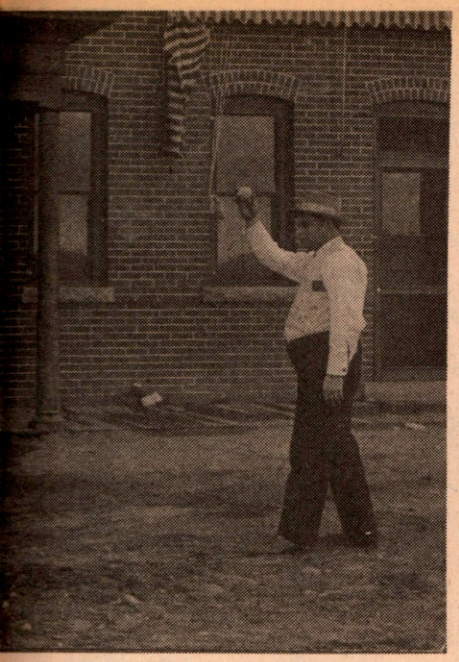
"It's a fact," he told me once, "I can remember my ring record better than my matrimonial doings. Most of my wives married me to reform me — and that was their mistake."

It was not long before Kid McCoy discovered that his love-'em-and-leave-'em habits called for more gold dust than he was earning. Consequently the Kid was soon accepting matches with anyone he could entice into a ring, including heavyweights who towered over him like Jack's beanstalk.

In the next twenty years Kid McCoy became a legend, a brilliant boxer and a psychological trickster who barnstormed from city to city, often fighting just for the sheer joy of licking a bigger man.

He took on heavyweight Gus Ruhlin and pounded him into a swiss steak in twenty rounds — the same Gus who later knocked out Tom Sharkey and fought Jim Jeffries for the title. He battled to a draw with the immortal Polish iron man, Joe Choynski, during a period when Choynski was in such prime condition that he held Gentleman Jim Corbett to a draw. The Kid danced into the ring more than 200 times, lost only two fights, and became such a fabulous figure that he contributed a new word to the English language.

As the story goes, the Kid was dining with a blonde one night when a drunk made a pass at her.



"Beat it, bum," said the Kid. "My name's Kid McCoy."

"Yeah? Well, my name's Gesundheit, and you don't look like a fighter to me."

The Kid's right hand went into a spiral — splat! And an hour later, when the drunk woke up rubbing his cracked chin, he said with awe: "It was the *real* McCoy."

Ever since, the phrase has been synonymous with anything real or genuine.

Ironically, the records show, there was some doubt about "the real McCoy" himself. For along the glory road the Kid found himself a new love, Ethyl Alcohol, and frequently she demanded more than he could give.

In these crises the Kid's magnificent body functioned under duress, and he was force to use deception to win. Often, when it came time to enter the ring, the Kid fortified his weary muscles with the hair of the dog, won close decisions by sheer boxing skill, then folded up in the dressing room.

Still later, because the combination of lovely ladies and cheering brew was more important than training, the Kid plotted ways and means of winning fights without having to burn up energy. Thus, in the twilight of his career, he became known as a trickster.

On one occasion when he was in such a pink haze that he couldn't get a match in New York, Kid McCoy heard that fortunes were being made by palookas entertaining fight-hungry miners near the Kimberly diamond mines in South Africa.

For the third time, having just been divorced from Julie Woodruff the Kid needed new scenery and sailed for England as Charles Fitzerald, itinerant miner. In London he brought a ticket on a P. & O. steamer, changed his name again to Harry Egan and started for Capetown. Aboard the boat the Kid participated in exhibition bouts and excited the interest of a naive but benevolent gentleman named Dr. John Summerfield.

"Egan," said this patron saint, "I think you have the makings of a fine fighter, and I'm willing to back you to ten thousand dollars. But you need lessons. Your right is clumsy, for instance, and I know the man to fix it."

The kid kept his deadpan and accepted a letter from Dr. Summerfield to Jim Cooper, one of South Africa's foremost trainers. When he reached Capetown, he went to Cooper for his first "lesson."

"You're all wrong, Yank," Cooper said as they shuffled around the ring. "I don't known why they thought you'd be a boxer. That right hand of yours should move faster."

The kid was suddenly annoyed.

"You mean like this?" The famed McCoy right whipped out like a snake's tongue, and Cooper fell on his face. Five minute later he sat up, waggled his jaw and stared curiously at the kid.

"Come and see me tomorrow," he said.

The next day when McCoy arrived at the gymnasium, Cooper met him at the door, waving a copy of the *Police Gazette* with the Kid's picture on the cover and the caption: "Kid McCoy — Welterweight Champion."

"Somebody's been givin me a bloody fine sellout," Cooper roared. "Ain't that you, you bloke?"

"Me — a champion?" the kid said meekly.

"Yes — you."

"Come to think of it," the kid recovered rapidly, "some of the people on the boat told me I was a dead ringer for this Kid McCoy. But if I was him, believe me, I wouldn't be down in this God-forsaken jungle."

The Kid got away with the bluff and some weeks later was matched to fight a native, named Equator because he was so big around the middle. The big Kaffir weighed 350 pounds, was 6 feet, 8 inches tall and trained for his fights by having two other Kaffirs whack him with barrel staves.

The Kid brought another case of Scotch and bet his whole roll on himself.

When the Kid climbed into the ring for the fight, the temperture was 120 in the shade and the alcohol in his veins was beginning to boil. The Kaffir ran him dizzy the first round, with his bare black feet slapping the canvas like a Mississippi side-wheeler.

"Can't go another two rounds," the Kid puffed to his American second, Bill Doyle. "Let's do it in the next one."

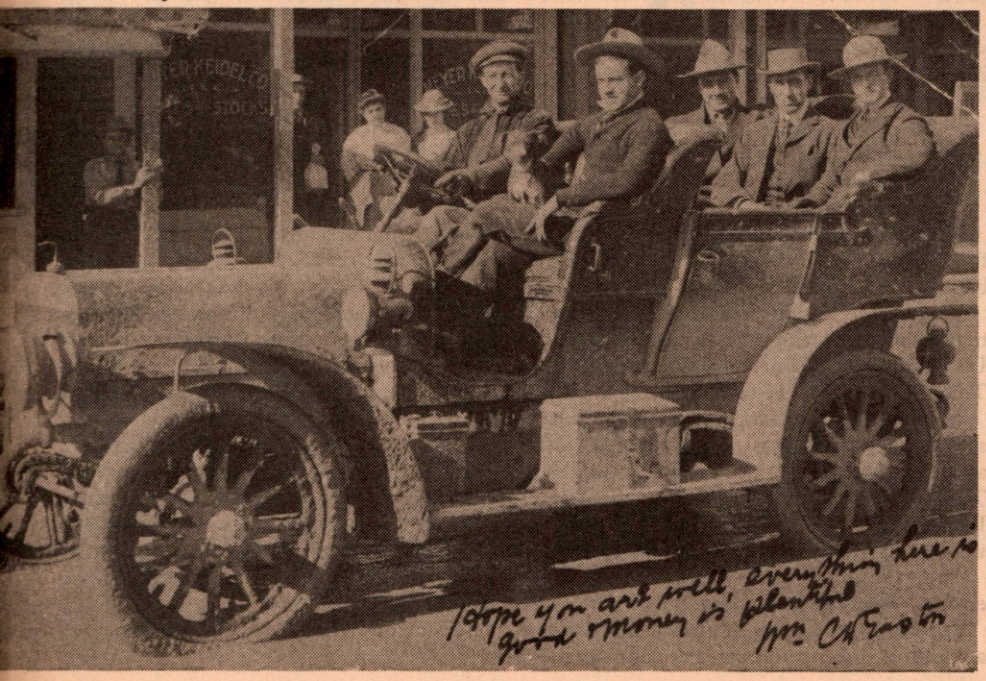
When the bell rang, Doyle tossed half a dozen tacks into the ring just as the Kaffir clumped out of his corner. The big African stopped short, grunted and reached down to investigate the prickle on his feet. At that precise moment the Kid gathered his sagging strength and swung from the floor. Exit the Kaffir. And exit Kid McCoy, alias Harry Egan, on the next boat out.

The Kid migrated to France, where the champagne was zippier, and signed for a fight with a young Englishman, Petty Officer Curran. The bout was staged in the lavish Casino de la Jettee at Nice, and in the first round Curran planted four of the Kid's teeth in his tonsils. In the second he massaged the Kid's tender diaphragm, and in the third he closed the Kid's right eye.

"Gawd, how I need a drink," the Kid sighed.

In the eighth round, during a clinch, the Kid noticed the timekeeper working on a highball which he set down on the edge of the ring between sips. A moment later, rolling

Kid McCoy takes his touring car, a 1907 Maxwell, to Goldfield, Nevada.



under a punch, the Kid hit the floor, grabbed the drink and gulped it down. Thus revived, he weathered the next three rounds and began kidding the Britisher.

"You know, lad," he said, "you take a risk comin' in the ring with your shoelace untied. Look at your foot."

Curran looked. Alas, poor Curran.

The Kid won a freak fight in Paris with the same technique. His opponent there was one Jean Charlemont, a handsome character who was not only killing the mademoiselles but was doing equally well in the ring. Charlemont was a champion in the now obsolete art of savate, in which the fighters use both hands and feet and the Kid would never have taken the match except that his finances were unusually anemic then.

The Kid spent the first three rounds ducking Charlemont's feet, which flew up so often he thought he was watching the Can- Can. Frequently, as he pedaled backwards, Kid McCoy glanced up at the gallery and smiled.

"Hey, Keed, what ees in ze galleree?" Charlemont finally asked.

"Oh nothin'."

"But you alwees look zere."

"Well, " the Kid said, "there's a beautiful, dark-haired girl there waving at me. Maybe you know her."

"Ah, yes," the Frenchman sighed. "Where ees she?"

"Right there," the Kid pointed.

Charlemont glanced over his shoulder and the beautiful lady magically became a set of unlovely knuckles. Later, sobbing in his dressing room, Charlemont reproached McCoy.

"Keed," he said, "why you do zat?"

"Just to teach you," McCoy grinned, "never to let a woman turn your head."

It was only a year later in Chicago, that Kid McCoy became a victim of his own wiliness, to the astonishment of the sporting world.

He was matched with a second-class heavyweight named Jack McCormick, and $1 would get you $5 that the latter wouldn't last two rounds. But whatever his fistic shortcomings, McCormick was no mental pushover. The instant the bell rang for the first round, McCormick clinched with the Kid.

"Well, Kid," he whispered, "I see you've brought one of your flashy women tonight."

"Who, me?" the Kid said innocently.

McCormick gestured with his free hand. "Sure. Right down there at the ringside."

The Kid couldn't resist the impulse and he was knocked out for the first time in his life. He never forgave McCormick, and deliberately turned him into hash in subsequent fights — not once but three times.

Trickery almost became an obsession with McCoy in the closing years of his ring career, and he went to extraordinary lengths to harass his rivals. Sometimes he mussed their carefully combed hair, sometimes he ribbed them until they lost control. When elastic boxing trunks were introduced for the first time, McCoy discovered he could unnerve an opponent by snapping the waistband, or jerking the trunks down to his knees.

Once, during a fight in Philadelphia, McCoy knocked Jim Hall out of the ring. But Hall wasn't hurt and as he reached for the ropes to climb back, McCoy leaned over and said, "Here, Jim, let me help you."

Hall foolishly grabbed the Kid's hand.

"Upsadaisy," the Kid said. He jerked Hall into the ring and knocked him out before he could break loose.

McCoy never lived down this kind of chicanery and spent the next thirty years defending his tactics.

"I took them all on," he told me bitterly. "Big ones and little ones, and it was tough luck if I was always one jump ahead. I beat Gus Ruhlin without any tricks at all, and he outweighed me fifty pounds. You never hear people squawk if a clever quarterback pulls a fast one in a football game. Why should it be any different in the ring?"

McCoy went to the leather wars for the last time officially in 1911 — and a remarkable year it was, for he fought five times without a loss and won three of the bouts by quick knockouts. No one would have believed he was 38 years old.

In the next fifteen years the Kid occasionally popped up in the news.

He turned up in Hollywood, for example, and was hired as an actor in the blood-and-guts potboilers. He did very well, too, for corn was flourishing then on the movie lots, and the Kid was a past master of the art.

There is no doubt that he was popular in Hollywood, and photographs taken at the time show him as a handsome, if somewhat muscle-bound, celluloid hero. There were the inevitable femmes fatales, too and the Kid acquired three more wives.

"Women are attracted to a fighter," the Kid often philosophized. "But how can you promise to love a woman all your life? You change. The whole world changes."

During the first World War the Kid taught boxing, toured the country as a one-man recruiting agency and badgered Army officials until they allowed him to enlist as a private in the 29th Infantry. He served almost a year, then returned to California to persue a kaleidoscopic career as a physical instructor, a salesman and a private detective for the Julian Petroleum Company.

The Kid might have continued this humdrum life indefinitely if he had not encountered Theresa Moers.

Mrs. Moers was a woman to awe the stoutest heart, a young amazon who tipped the beam at 178 pounds, bedside, and the Kid definitely went out of his class to take her on. She had a fondness for cold lamb and straight Scotch; and in hot weather, which was most always, she complained that her feet hurt. Mrs. Moers also operated one of the largest and most lucrative antique shops in the West, and her safe-deposit boxes were filled, with all manner of baubles, mostly jewels.

Sometime during the summer of 1924 Mrs Moers disposed of her husband, Alfred, via the divorce courts. Shortly thereafter, Kid McCoy packed up his extra shoes and a few other knickknacks, such as two automatics, and moved into the apartment in Los Angeles with Theresa. They became known as Mr. and Mrs. N. Shields, and everything seemed quite cozy.

On the morning of August 13, Kid McCoy appeared in Mrs. Moers' store in West Seventh Street and took complete charge of the establishment. He had not shaved, he had no hat or collar and his hair looked like sagebrush in a stiff wind. Furthermore he had a gun in his hand and, as one of the gendarmes delicately phrased it later, he was drunk as a skunk.

"I'm waitin' for Alfred Moers," he said.

Moers, fortunately, never arrived, but there were others on hand — Sam Stern, the auctioneer; William Ross, a millionaire art patron; Victor Emden, an employee in the store; and other characters who wandered in while the Kid was rendering his soliloquy. The Kid lined them up in two groups.

"All those on the left side are gonna get bumped off," the Kid said.

He rang for the store janitor, George Keller, and told him to play slow music on the store's phonograph. He forced all the men to remove their trousers and sprinkled cigar ashes in the goldfish bowl.

The Kid had frightened his unwilling guests for about an hour when Ross, underestimating the situation, sprang for the street door. The Kid shot from the hip and plugged Ross in the leg.

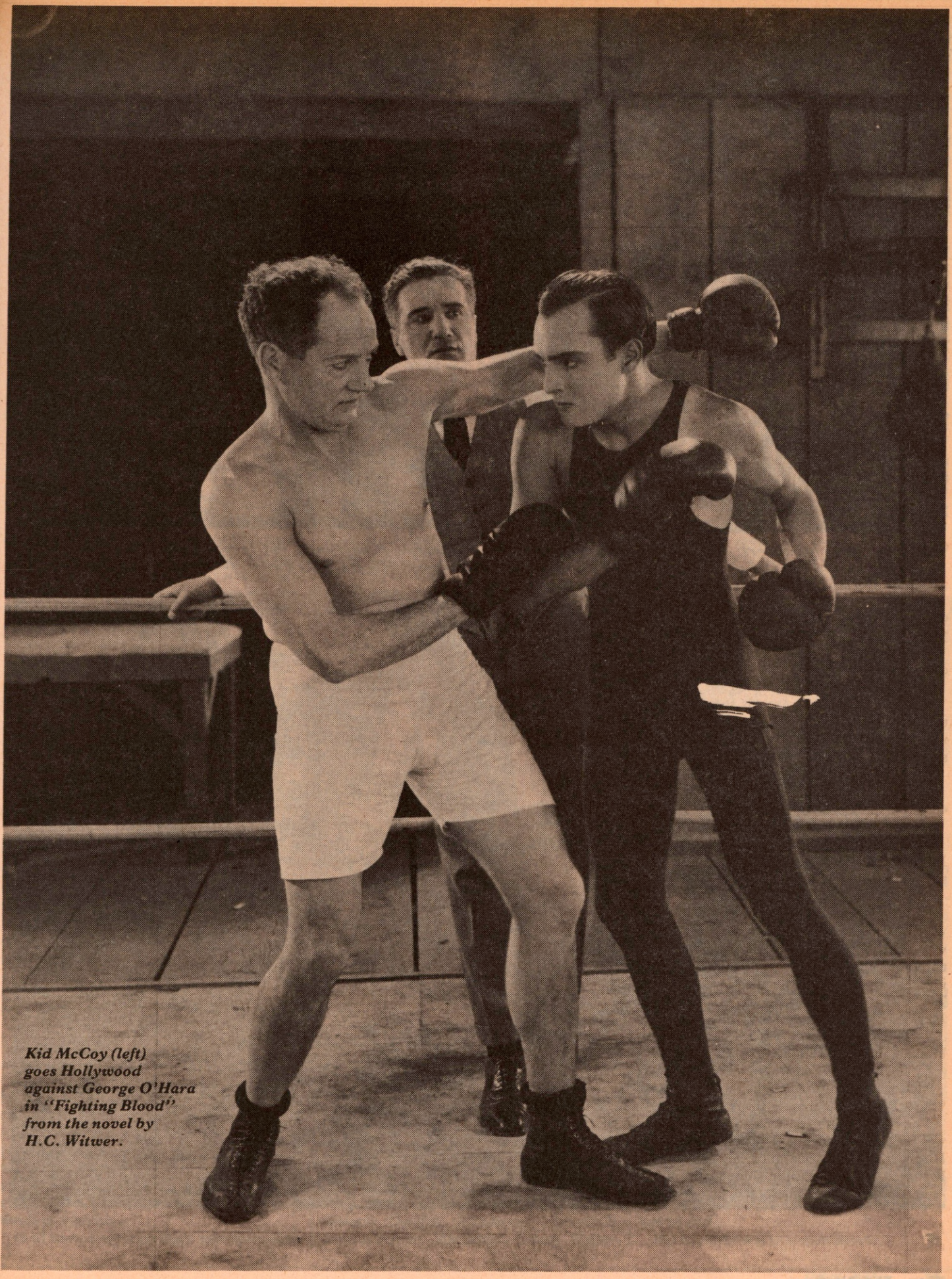
"Come back here, you S_____!" the Kid screamed.

Ross had neither shoes nor pants, but he kept running, and McCoy ran in front of a dress shop two doors away. This place was run by Mrs. Moers' closest friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schapp, and the Kid went in.

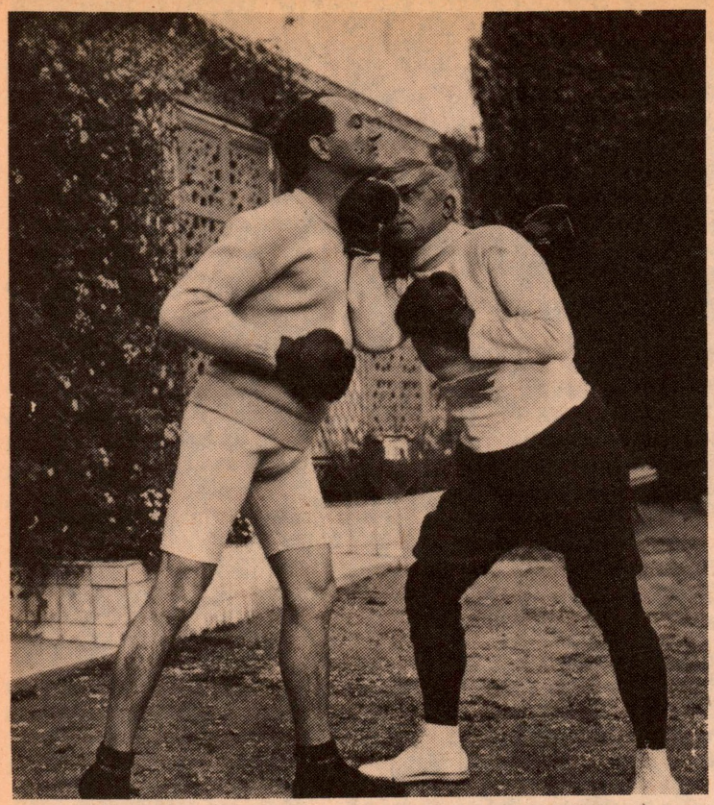
"Where's your husband?" the Kid yapped at Mrs. Schapp. Obligingly she pointed to him.

The Kid raised his .45, drilled Schapp through the hip, knocked his wife over with a second slug and fired a third shot at a big mirror which was reflecting his own distorted face. Then he staggered into the street, where an alert policeman grabbed him and took the gun away.

"They drove me to it," the Kid blubered. "They separated me from the only woman I



Kid McCoy (left) goes Hollywood against George O'Hara in "Fighting Blood" from the novel by H.C. Witwer.



Clockwise; three old-timers; McCoy takes on a man of letters — Maurice Maeterlinck, the French poet — and gets "KO'd." Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy "square off' in front of former middleweight champ Billy Papke. Bottom: Los Angeles detectives question McCoy (left) in the murder of Mrs. Teresa Mors (1924)

ever loved...it's a good thing Moers didn't show up...he was the one I wanted.

Theresa had no part of all this.

They found her laid out in her apartment, like a big-game trophy, with her hands neatly folded and an autographed picture of the Kid resting on her ample bosom. A .32 slug had gone through her brain. And she had been cut in several places.

All the Kid's personal possessions were on hand, including two wills he had written, one on a book jacket and the other on an insurance pamphlet. Both bequethed all he owned to one of his three sisters.

The Kid was charged with murder and was defended by a young attorney named Jerry Giesler, the same Giesler who was to become the lawyer for many of the troubled souls in Hollywood.

Giesler offered a simple defense: Theresa had been profoundly despondent. She was afraid of her ex-husband, in trouble with the government over some allegedly smuggled jewels, afraid Kid McCoy would desert her and she had actually threatened to kill herself.

As for the Kid — well, his mother had been confined in an asylum with suicidal tendencies. The darling of the prize ring was portrayed as a potential psychopath who had a constitutional disposition toward suicidal impulses under shock.

The Kid himself told it less scientifically: Theresa had tried to stab herself with a bread knife, he said; then they wrestled over the gun and it went off accidentally. He had decided to lie down beside her and kill himself, he said, but paused in the kitchen for a few fortifications from the Scotch bottle and remembered nothing thereafter.

The testimony supported the Kid's story. But the jury members also heard the amazing account of the Kid's Lone Ranger act in the antique shop, and undoubtedly it colored their reasoning. They found him guilty of manslaughter, assault with a deadly weapon and assault with intent to commit murder.

On April 11, 1925, Kid McCoy was ushered into San Quentin with the statistical disrobing that strips down a man's soul. No. 40,716. Age: 52. Weight: 205. Height: 5:11. Occupation: Physical Director. Future: Almost hopeless.

Yet Kid McCoy wasn't ready to quit.

He was a good prisoner, as the record shows.

He used to sit out in front of the prison fire house, his red hat and badge proclaiming him chief. The station was next to the administration building, at the head of the long road between the inner and outer gates, and the Kid would sit out in the sun and grin at the world passing by. For some there were wisecracks, sharp and risque; for some there were quiet words of friendship.

In all those long years there were many who remembered Kid McCoy.

Occassionally someone would send him a box of figs, with a note in dainty feminine writing. "He was always so fond of figs." There were persimmons and jars of mayonnaise and other tidbits from his devoted sisters, "because Norman loved these things, and we see the real boy nobody knows." Sophie Tucker came to see him. And Lionel Barrymore sent gifts of cash. The Kid never lacked for visitors and his fan mail kept him busy nights.

The Kid worked hard and never broke a rule. And so he had friends within the walls, too — big Jim Holohan, the warden: thoughtful Clinton Duffy, a young clerk in the office soon to become the prison's warden: guards and shop foremen and inmates.

Once when the Kid was out in a road camp helping to build the beautiful San Simeon highway, Warden Holohan sent him boxing gloves and a punching bag. The Kid was delirious with gratitude and wrote his thanks. "And if you have any secondhand paroles," he added, "I could use those, too."

The Kid was never too busy to reminisce or grant a favor.

I talked with him many times, leaning against the firehouse wall. He was never dull. He had a childish pride in his love affairs and spoke about his many wives with nostalgia, but never venom.

"Women are the real defenders of marriage," he said with faint cynicism once. "It provides them with meal tickets and old age insurance."

Because there was only one Kid McCoy, he had many letters from strangers who wanted his fingerprints or Bertillon measurements for souvenirs. He always obliged, graciously and with a happiness that came from being remembered.

Eventually, time healed old wounds, and the people who locked him up began to show their regret.

In Los Angeles Judge Charles Crail, the jurist who had sentenced the Kid suggested that McCoy could probably be a worthy citizen if liquor were left out of his diet. "He has my best wishes," Judge Crail said, "and I hope for his future happiness and success."

Soon petitions were circulated in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and other cities urging clemency for the Kid, and the signatures read like the pages of Who's Who. In all the history of San Quetin no prisoner was ever supported by such great names, and it made the Kid weep.

The list began with Vice President Curtis and included six United States Senators, four Governors, half a dozen Congressmen and a score of mayors, sheriffs and other political leaders. There were also other luminaries: General Douglas MacArthur, Alfred E. Smith, Bernarr Macfadden, Jimmy Walker, Lon Chaney, Georgie Jessel, Jesse L. Lasky, William Powell, Adolphe Menjou and many another great names of the cinema world.

The letter the Kid treasured most came from aging Jim Corbett, who had not long to live. "The Kid is a good fellow at heart," said Gentleman Jim. "I am proud to say I was born in San Francisco and how proud I would be if you, my own people, would just help this poor man. I am sure you would never be sorry."

And soon it was Kid McCoy's time to go.

He was paroled to Harry Bennett, Ford Motor Company executive — the same Harry Bennett to whom he had taught ring tactics many years before. "I'll take good care of the Kid," said Bennett. "I know he'll make good in Detroit."

And so there came that July morning when the Kid went out.

He wrote to Warden Holohan about his plane flight to Detroit and said: "I was so excited I didn't sleep all night." Still later, because that was in his nature, the Kid became a bridegreoom again and posed for pictures with his tenth wife — the former Sue Cobb Cowley, a cousin of the great humorist Irvin S. Cobb.

"Ah, yes, I've got a swell future," the Kid said. "I've got friends, a wonderful wife, everything a man could ask for. If anybody asks, just tell 'em Kid McCoy is back."

Yes, he had a future.

He was forbidden to exploit his name, forbidden to mingle with the paladins of the prize ring or talk their talk or stir up the settled ashes of his life. He was told to keep out of Los Angeles and to keep alcohol from his blood. The world was told not to pamper or pet the Kid, and he was not to be where the lights were bright.

Had everyone forgotten what Giesler proved long years before: constitutional predisposition to suicidal tendencies under stress of shock?

The shock was there, but perhaps the Kid never quite figured it out. This was another world, where memories were short, and "the Real McCoy" was just a piece of slang. The cry of the crowd was still. The shuffle of leather hushed. The smell of sweat and rosin gone. The Kid was alone in a dark, empty room.

In a hotel room in Detroit one night, he wrote, "Sorry — I cannot endure this world's madness."

Whose madness did you say, Kid? What world — the old one or the new? It hurts to be an anachronism and to read the lines alone. And so the Kid swallowed the lethal tablets and lay down, very weary and very old, and it was a long dream.

The man who had been "the Real McCoy" was no more.

But his name was to live on forever. ■

RED ALL OVER

BY RED SMITH

YANK DURHAM— THE MAN WITH THE ORGAN TONES

If a person who did not know Yancey Durham heard him talking in the next room, he would assume that the voice belonged to an actor or preacher or con man or politician, if that isn't a distinction without a difference. As a matter of fact, Yank was a little of each. He was a fight manager. He made his entrance on the national scene with the 1964 Olympic heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, he guided Joe to the championship of the professional world, and when he died on August 29, 1973, after a stroke, he left the former champion desolate, feeling that he had lost a father for the second time.

Yank was only 52, had added Bob Foster, the light heavyweight champion, to his stable, and was laying plans to maneuver Frazier into a return bout with George Foreman, who knocked Joe loose from the title.

If Hollywood were looking for an actor to play the fast talking, side-of-the-mouth, angle-shooting stereotype of a fight manager, Yank Durham would be the last candidate Central Casting would send around. He was a stately man, well-fed but not fat, graying at the temples, conservative in dress and dignified of bearing, who spoke in slow, measured accents. He took speech lessons for years to enrich his supple and sonorous voice and would carry sound equipment to training camp so that when he wasn't occupied with his fighter he could talk onto records that he would send to school for grading. When a sportswriter called him "the black Everett Dirksen" he was delighted.

Yank didn't teach Frazier to fight, he had no voice on the boxing commissions that ostracized Muhammad Ali and lifted his title for refusing to do military service, and he wasn't responsible for the controversial and magnetic qualities in Ali which made a match with Frazier worth a $5-million guarantee. But he made the decisions and charted the course that put Joe in a position to move in as champion when the title was vacant and that ultimately led to a $2.5-million purse.

Some managers cheat their fighters, some take half the fighter's earnings and consider themselves underpaid. Yank did his job for 15 percent and it was he who initiated the arrangement that has made the fighter worth $2-million.

Occasionally Yank made some passing reference to his own days as a boxer but he laid no claims to fame in that area and his unmarked features suggested that his career must have been brief. Apparently he had a few amateur bouts growing up in his native Camden, N.J. He was also casual to the point of vagueness about the injury that left him with a slight limp. He was in the service in World War II, and the story is that a jeep ran over him during an air raid in England, breaking both legs. He drew disability pay as a veteran and had a pension from the Penn Central Railroad, having worked as a welder for the old Pennsylvania Road.

As a fight manager Yank fitted neither of two common patterns—the old style boxing man who grew up in the game or the cloak-and-suit tycoon who comes in for an ego trip or seeking a quick buck.

He enjoyed working with kids in Police Athletic League gymnasiums in Philadelphia. He got to know Frazier when Joe was learning the rudiments of boxing from Duke Dugent, a police sergeant who doubled as instructor in the 22nd P.A.L. Gym at 23rd Street and Columbia Avenue.

Dugent was Frazier's tutor in the amateurs but when the fighter went to the Tokyo Olympics there was an understanding that Yank would handle him after his return. Joe came back with his gold medal, and Yank set out to get a grubstake.

He consulted the Rev. William H. Gray, pastor of the Bright Hope Baptist Church. The result was Cloverlay, Inc., the managerial firm whose original stockholders paid $250 a share to underwrite Frazier's expenses. Cloverlay paid all expenses and took 25 percent of the income, with Frazier getting 60 percent.

Cloverlay, not Yank, was the manager of record, but Yank made all the boxing decisions. His official title was trainer but for big fights he always brought Eddie Futch in from California to supervise training.

Perhaps Yank's wisest decision was to keep Frazier out of the television tournament in which Jimmy Ellis won World Boxing Association recognition as champion during Ali's enforced absence. While that charade dragged on, Frazier won the New York version of the title by flattening Buster Mathis, and later he stopped Ellis, paving the way for the big one with Ali.

During negotiations for that match, a plague of lawyers descended on Philadelphia. There were attorneys for Jack Kent Cooke, who bankrolled the promotion; for Jerry Perenchio, who had closed-circuit television rights; for Madison Square Garden; for Cloverlay and probably for the Marquis of Queensbury.

"All you lawyer guys stay here," Yank told them. "Herbert and I are going to talk." He and Ali's manager, Herbert Muhammad, conferred in private for almost three hours. When they emerged Yank said: "Herbert and I know what we want. Now you guys put it in law language."

That's how the fight was made—not by Cooke or Perenchio or the Garden or Cloverlay. By Yank and Herbert.

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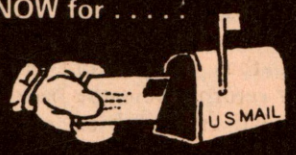

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LAST ROUND

TONY THOMAS

The lifestyle is basically slow and easy down in Spartanburg, South Carolina. People in this community of 50,000 are generally more concerned with the outcome of a local high school football game than with what is happening on the national sports scene.

Spartanburg could hardly be compared to New York City. The skyscrapers around here average six stories, an escalator is hard to find, and a line of six or seven automobiles is considered a major traffic jam.

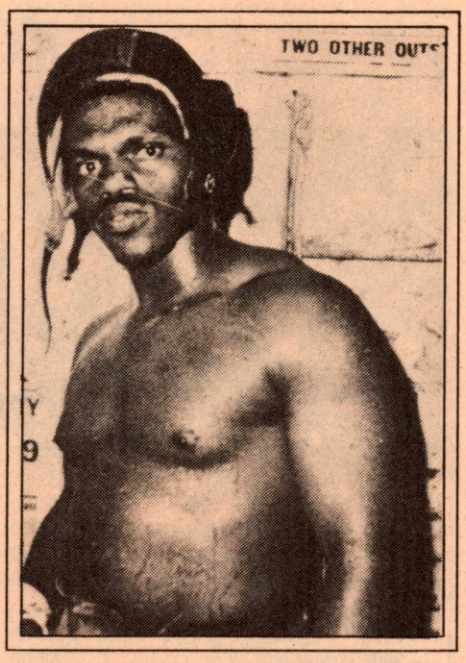
Yet, one boxing incident has pushed Spartanburg into the national limelight, probably because the incident happened just one month after Willie Classen died under similar circumstances after a fight at Madison Square Garden.

Tony Thomas, a 20-year-old professional boxer from Spartanburg, died at 1:31 A.M. last January 1st at Spartanburg General Hospital. Thomas had fought Sammy Horne of Anderson, S.C., in a scheduled four-round professional boxing match at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium December 22. Thomas lapsed into a coma approximately one-half hour after the fight and never regained consciousness.

Horne had defeated Thomas by technical knockout with 1:10 remaining in the fourth round of the fight. Horne continually worked to Thomas' head with jabs during the third and fourth rounds. Spartanburg referee Hewlett Cromer had given Thomas a standing eight count with three seconds remaining in the third round.

"I went to his (Thomas') corner between every round and he seemed okay," Cromer said after the fight. "I think I did the right thing in giving him the eight count and in stopping the fight when I did."

After the fight, Thomas went back to the dressing room, changed clothes and came back into the arena to watch the main event, a pro fight between his friend Claude Simpson, a Spartanburg middleweight, and junior middleweight fighter Mike Baker. Before Baker had won by second-round knockout, Thomas was back in the dressing room, complaining that he was sick.



"After most of the people had left, I was checking dressing rooms, picking up equipment and I found Tony lying on a table," explained local boxing promoter Don White, who had put on the boxing show. Although Thomas was apparently still conscious at the time, White said he was "acting kind of strange."

No doctor was at the auditorium by the time Thomas' injury was discovered. An ambulance was summoned and Thomas was rushed to Spartanburg General Hospital. He remained in the sixth floor neurological unit of the hospital until he died 11 days later of an acute subdural hemotoma — the same thing that caused Classen's death.

Thomas did not undergo a physical examination before his fight against Horne. He simply signed a release form for promoter White claiming that he was "in good health." Physical examinations are not required for boxers before amateur or professional fights in the state of South Carolina.

"We assumed he (Don White) *did* require physicals," commission chairman Murphy said. "We let the promoter be responsible for those things."

Dorothy Thomas, a Spartanburg resident and the mother of the deceased fighter, claims she is not bitter about what happened to her son. "Both of those boys, (Thomas and Horne), went into that fight wanting to win. I know that Tony wanted to win. I don't blame anybody for what happened," Mrs. Thomas explained. "It was just time for the Lord to take Tony."

Everyone is not as philosophical about Thomas' fate. Local politicians are beginning to talk about an investigation into boxing in South Carolina. But any investigation will come a little too late to help Tony Thomas.

Thomas began boxing under White in November of 1977. He had four amateur fights under the local promoter. Although Thomas' pro record was listed by White at 6-2 before the fight, White said later that Thomas' first professional fight was probably against Horne. "He had told me his pro record was 6-2, but I think this was really his first pro fight," White said. "Even his family is not sure of his record. He was an independent fighter who just sort of traveled around the state getting lined up for fights."

It was Horn's pro debut. Horne, who had a 20-1 amateur mark, weighed in for the bout at 149 pounds. "I think I could have knocked him out during the third round, but I waited too long and then the bell came," Horne said directly after the fight. "I concentrated on jabs to his head and I knew I had him by the third round."

Horne and Thomas had met during a sparring session in December of 1978. That was their only sparring session against one another before the fight that resulted in Thomas' death.

According to Thomas' sister Peggy, also a Spartanburg resident, Thomas had hopes of someday making the Olympic Boxing team, apparently unaware of the fact that a professional fight made him ineligible for the amateur status that an Olympic boxer must retain.

"That was all he talked about, going to the Olympics," Peggy Thomas said. "He really wanted to make an Olympic team. He wanted that and he also wanted to eventually open a boxing center for black children in Spartanburg.

Dorothy Thomas, whose son dropped out of high school with five months remaining to pursue a boxing career, added that boxing was the most important part of Thomas' life.

"He wasn't boxing for the money, he wanted to make this his career," she said. "He just loved the sport. He died doing what he wanted with his life."

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